



WCA Preschool Times

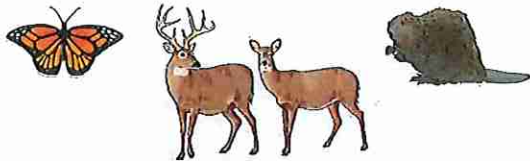


January 22, 2024

It was wonderful to be back last week! The class did well transitioning back into our classroom routines after the holiday break and then after the snow days! We had some great outside fun before the frigid temperatures moved in. The mornings were great for sledding and building snowmen! Both were perfect play for gross (large) motor development that also had lots of laughter and smiles! We have circles on the floor in the classroom for spots while lining up to leave the room, the class noticed right away that these had slightly taken on a new look. On the circles, there are an array of shapes and their names: circle, oval, square, rectangle, octagon, hexagon, heart, star, pentagon, diamond, triangle, trapezoid, and plus. Many enjoyed playing the beanbag match and toss shape game. The goal was to match the beanbag shape with the shape on the floor and toss it on. Another popular game was read and write around the room. Many enjoyed working with a friend, or on their own, to match the letters, numbers, and words (the, and, a, to) on their clipboard with the hidden ones taped up around the room. The class learned a lot about hibernation (to sleep) as we read related books and did activities. I didn't get the animal insulation experiment done with the class on Friday like I had hoped, so I have it in my plans again. This week we will continue to learn about animals (and some insects) in winter by exploring where they go and what they do if they are not hibernating. We will map the migration of the monarch butterfly and goose and talk about how the deer, rabbits and birds that adapt to winter survive where we live. This unit seems to always spark a lot of

Areas of Focus

Animals: Winter
Hibernate, Migrate, Adapt



Literacy and Language



- Books: *Stranger in the Woods, Monarch Butterflies, Bear Snores On, Beavers, One Snowy Night*
- Categorizing Winter Animals (Which ones adapt, migrate and hibernate?)
- Mapping Goose and Butterfly Migration

Focus Words

adapt * migrate * hibernate * south * north

Math, Science, Sensory

- * Animal Insulation Experiment
 - * Light Table Translucent Duplo
 - * "Stuffed" Bears
 - * Busy Boards
- (locks, zipper, switches, buckles, lacing)



Important News

- ➔ Friday, pizza day order forms are due.
- ➔ We LOVE the snow! Please, check ALL your kiddos winter gear each day after school. While we have extra gloves and hats, we don't have enough for everyone. Damp gloves and mittens are no fun. 😞

Bear is Sleeping
(To the Tune of *Are you Sleeping?*)

Bear is sleeping,
Bear is sleeping,
In a den, in a den.
When will he wake up?
When will he wake up?
In the spring, in the spring.

(Snake: hole, Mouse: nest, Hedgehog: burrow, Frog: mud)

