



Topic: Arctic Animals



Cognitive Development: We will talk about:

- the calendar and changes in the year.
- identifying arctic animals and where they live.
- what hibernation and migration are.
- the season of winter and what you wear when it is cold.

Fine Motor Skills/Art: The children will:

- Paint with colored ice cubes.
- Paint a winter scene.
- As a group, we will make a large polar bear to hang on the Winter mural in the preschool gym.

Gross Motor Skills:

- We will focus on jumping: from the climber in the gym, over an object and how high can you jump?
- Play musical chairs.

Language Development:

Books:

- Amazing Water by Melvin Berger
- The Three Snowy Bears by Jan Brett
- Time to Sleep by Denise Fleming
- Polar Bear by Gail Gibbons

Music:

- Greg & Steve's "Animal Actions I and II"

Videos:

- "Stranger in the Woods" and "The Bear"

Social/Emotional Development:

- We will encourage the children to cooperate/work together while playing different board games.

Science/Sensory:

- In the water table we will have ice cubes and "snow".