

A Peek at THE BLUE ROOM'S Week

Weeks of: Jan. 23 and Jan. 30, 2017

Theme: PENGUINS, POLAR BEARS & Artic Animals

Circle Activities:

- Read *Polar Opposites* by Erik Brooks to introduce penguins, polar bears and the north and south poles.
- **Discuss and chart** what we know about penguins and polar bears.
- Introduce penguins with **What Is It? poem**
- Read and discuss – **What Do Penguins Do?** Booklet.
- **Penguin felt board poems** and songs.
- **Waxy Feathers** – color a penguin with a thick layer of crayons. Spray with water. What happens?
- **Polar animal riddles**
- **Clifford Magazine** – How Do Penguins Move? How Do Polar Bears Move? Compare and contrast. Add facts to 'what we know' charts
- **"Walking Through the Artic"** movement game.

Books:

FICTION:

- Flip and Flop* by Dawn Apperley
- Penguins to the Rescue* by Tony Mitton
- Penguins ABC* by Kevin Schafer
- Penguin Pete* by Marcus Pfister
- 5 Little Penguins Slipping on the Ice* by S. Metzger
- Polar Bears* by Mark Newman
- Little Polar Bear* by Hans DeBeer
- Polar Bear Leaps* by Derek Hall
- Tacky The Penguin* by Helen Lester

NON FICTION:

- Penguins* by Valerie Bodden
- Polar Bears* by Valerie Bodden
- Polar Bears* by Kate Riggs
- Powerful Polar Bears* by Elizabeth Bennett
- The Penguin* (Animal Close-Ups) by B. Fontanel
- Penguins Penguins Everywhere* by Bob Barner
- The Emperor's Egg* by Martin Jenkins
- Polar Bears* by Melvin and Gilda Berger
- The Polar Bear* (Animal Close Ups) by B. Fontanel
- Ice is Nice* by Melvin and Gilda Berger
- Artic Animals* by Tori Kosara
- A Day in the Life of Slippery Seal* by B. Preston

Songs:

I'm a Little Penguin
I'm A Little Penguin, Black and White
Polar Bear, Polar Bear, Turn Around
Six Little Penguins
I'm A Polar Bear
Artic Blast – Annie CD
Alphabet Soup – with lower case letters

Movement:

Penguin March – echo chant
Penguin Dance – Jack Hartmann on You Tube video
Peter Peter Penguin
Beak, Belly, Flippers, Feet (Head, Shoulders)
Polar Bear Pokey
Iceberg Freeze Dance

Math/Science:

- Look at **Playful Penguins** Booklet to learn fun facts about a variety of penguins
- **Compare sizes** of 3 different penguins
- **On An Iceberg estimation game** Estimate how many penguins will fit on iceberg (sheet) . Be penguins and waddle onto the iceberg. Fold sheet and repeat.
- **Snowballs for the Penguins** counting game. Identify numeral on penguin and, using tweezers, place that many cotton balls on penguin's belly.
- **Ice Experiments** – use colored water, eye droppers and salt.
- **Waxy Feathers experiment**
- **Polar bear blubber experiment**

<p>Art Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw, cut and glue Penguins • Paper bag penguins • Crayon resist painting with colored ice cubes • Painting with colored Epsom Salt water • Black and White Torn paper collage • Fold and Rub painting • Plan and create individual Artic Animals murals • Paint with frozen tempera paint • Working with gray clay 	<p>Literacy Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing names in lower case, using write on/wipe off boards • Penguin ABC Bingo • In small groups read about different artic animals. Then share information in large group. • Penguin matching game – matching upper and lower case letters • Penguin/Polar Bear stories – on story paper draw a picture and dictate a story about it.
<p>Skills We Are Working On:</p> <p>Self Help</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zipping winter jackets • Putting on mittens or gloves. <p>Social/Emotional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding conversations with other children • Sharing information with peers • Engaging in circle time routines and activities • Listening to peers at circle time <p>Cognitive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching a number of objects to a numeral • Using words to compare sizes • Estimating 'how many' • Making and testing predictions in our experiments 	<p>Other Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday – Sheldrake Nature class • Playing with polar bears and penguins in shaving cream • Sensory Table – add water, blocks of ice and shaving cream • Sensory Table – add fiber fill batting and artic animals • Make glittery white playdough. Use with penguin figures • Penguin Waddle Relay • Penguin Shuffle – place beanbag eggs on feet and shuffle around without losing egg. • Outside play Penguin Huddle game • Five Little Penguins poem – act out
<p>Language/Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to nonfiction books to gain new information • Sharing new information with peers • Listening for clues in a riddle • Matching upper and lower case letters <p>Motor Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain balance during movement activities • Exploring different ways to move body • Using pincher grasp (index finger and thumb) • Using small muscle of hand to tear paper • Printing names in lower case 	<p>Notes for Parents:</p> <p>This is a two week lesson plan. Over the next two weeks we will learn about penguins, polar bears and other artic animals. We will read both fiction and nonfiction books and talk about the difference between fact and fiction..</p> <p>We welcome anything your child has to share on this topic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We try to go outside every day. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather. • Please take helmets out of bags. With the cold winter weather we do not take the bikes out. • Send in snow pants and boots when there snow on the ground • Please check bags daily for art work and notes. • BOOK ORDERS DUE FRIDAY, Feb. 1

Participation calendar links:

[Green Room Participation Calendar](#)

[Red Room Participation Calendar](#)

[Blue Room Participation Calendar](#)

[Yellow Room Participation Calendar](#)