Winter Wonderland

Winter is coming quick this year! Tis' the season to bundle up and enjoy the chilly weather with your loved ones. And what a better way than with some classic wintertime activities! Friends will practice patience, taking turns, and sharing as they engage in pretend play with their pod mates.

Ice Skating Rink

Set up a skating rink inside the classroom, backyard, or even in your home! Your child will practice gross motor coordination skills as they slide and balance across a white slippery surface such as a white shower curtain, large glossy paper, or even hardwood floor. If you don't have these on hand, some aluminum foil squares the length of you child's feet will help them slide along on carpet!



Hot Chocolate Stand

Dramatic Play Roles:

Customer: Order your delicious hot chocolate in a size small, medium, or large! See if you can give the correct amount of dollars for the size you choose! Add marshmallows, whipped cream, or other yummy toppings! Don't forget to say please and thank you!

Barista: Put on your apron and name-tag, and get ready to whip up some delicious hot chocolate! Add milk, chocolate, and make sure you pour it into the correct cup. Count up the dollars the customer gives you, make sure they are correct, and wish them happy holidays!





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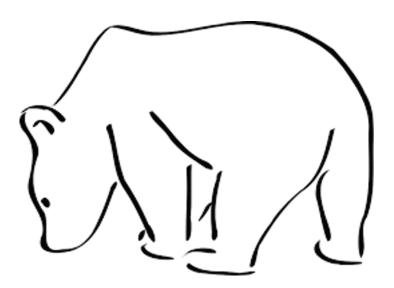
Winter Animals

Animals have different needs in the winter. As the weather gets cooler, animals must change their routines to help them survive through the chilly months! There are different ways animals do this: hibernation, migration, and adaptation. In the classroom, or on the trails, students will learn about how different animals spend the cold winter months. Cut, color, and attach the animals to popsicle sticks for some added play!

Dramatic Play Roles: **Hibernation**

Hibernation is a way that animals take care of their bodies during winter. They find a cozy place to protect their bodies from the cold weather, where the extra fat from the food they ate in summer and fall keeps them full throughout the winter months. Their breathing slows, their temperature goes down, and they seem to be asleep until spring.

Bear



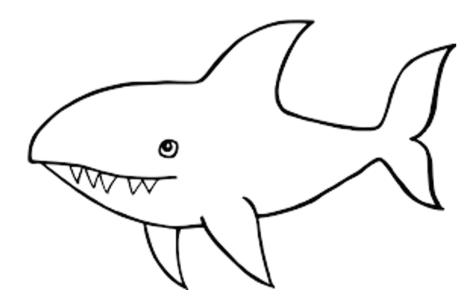
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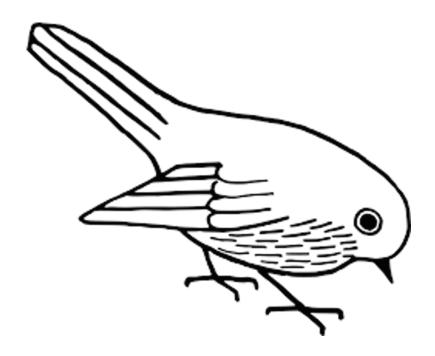
Dramatic Play Roles: Migration

Migration is when animals move to a new place to find food and protection from the cold weather in the winter. As the weather gets colder, some animals travel for warmer weather, better food sources, and safe places to have their babies.

Shark



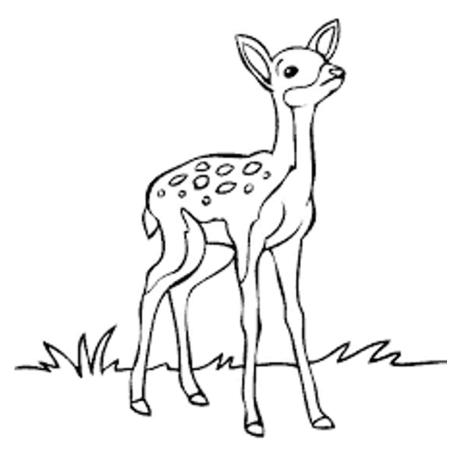
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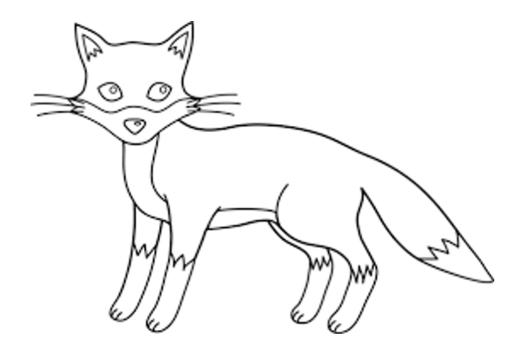
Dramatic Play Roles: Adaptation

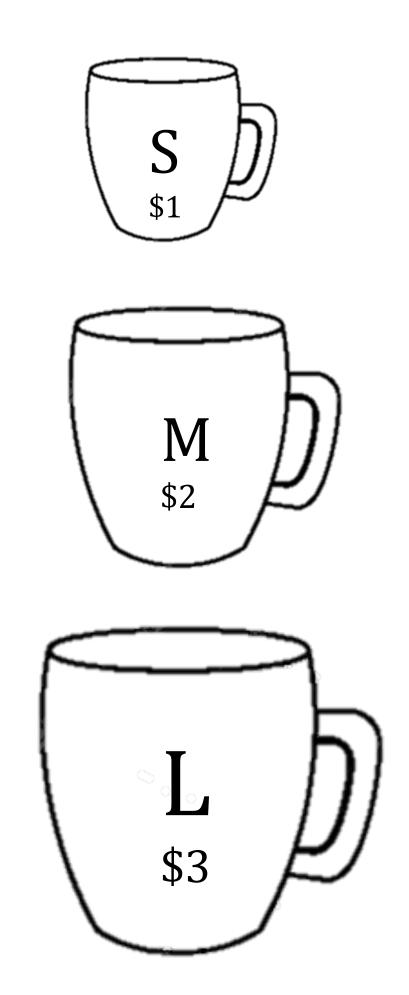
Adaptation is when an animal is able to make changes to itself to help it survive. To prepare for cold winter months, many animals adapt by growing longer fur, finding and building warmer shelter, and finding different places to find their food.





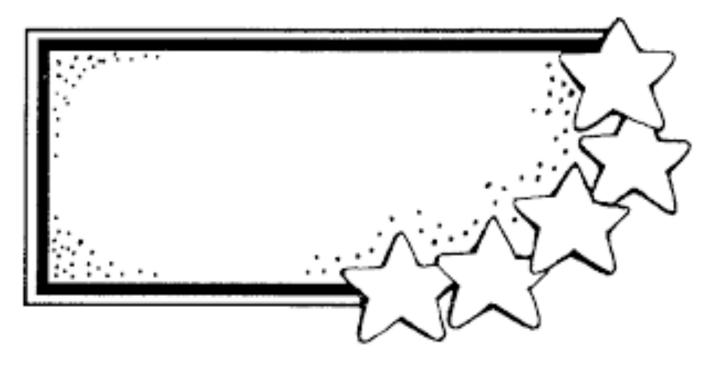
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