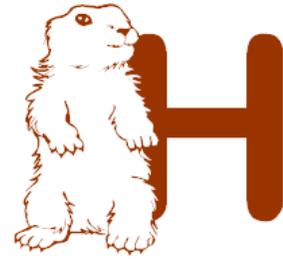


North Mankato Taylor Library Storytime



Hushful Hibernation H



Hibernation books we shared this week:

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson
A Little Bit of Winter by Paul Stewart

Time to Sleep by Denise Fleming
Hibernation by Margaret Hall

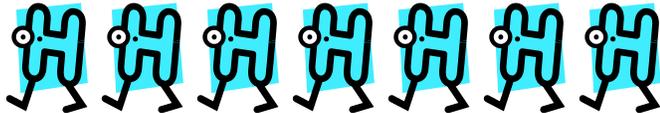
Hibernation books you might like to share:

Sleep, Black Bear, Sleep by Jane Yolen
Bedtime for Bear by Brett Helquist
Old Bear by Kevin Henkes
Animals in Winter by Henrietta Bancroft
Groundhog Stays Up Late by Margery Cuyler

When Will It Snow? By Katheryn White
Hibernation Station by Michelle Meadows
Chaucer's First Winter by Stephen Krensky
Valentine Bears by Eve Bunting
Every Autumn Comes the Bear by Jim Arnosky



Early Literacy Activities:



 Talk about the different animals that hibernate. Hang pictures of many different animals. Include those that hibernate and those that don't. See if your child can tell you which animals hibernate.

 **Hibernation Freeze Dance:** Tell the children that they should dance when the music is playing. When you STOP the music they should FREEZE and LISTEN! You will say the name of an animal. If it is an animal that hibernates, they should all drop to the floor and pretend to sleep until the music starts again.*When you say the name of the animal, ask if it is a hibernating animal. "Ground Hog! Does it hibernate? (give time for them to answer) then, YES, they do! Good night Ground Hogs!" or "PUPPY DOG! Does it hibernate? (give time to answer) NO, they do not! Keep dancing! (and put the music back on).

EXTENSION: In advance, print pictures of hibernating and non-hibernating animals. When you stop the music, show a card. Ask the children which animal it is. Once identified, ask if it hibernates and continue as described above.

***These Early Literacy Ideas were borrowed from:

<http://www.preschool-plan-it.com/hibernation.html#WritingActivities>

Hibernation Songs and Fingerplays:

Hibernation Song (sung to the tune of Frere Jacques)

Fill in the blank with a hibernation animal name and repeat for all!

_____ are sleeping. _____ are sleeping.

All winter long! All winter long!

Sleeping all through winter is called hibernation.

They're snug and warm. Snug and warm.

Where Is Bear? (sung to "Where Is Thumbkin?")

(substitute any hibernating animal)

Where is bear?

Here I am.

Here I am.

How are you this winter?

Very tired, thank you.

Go to sleep.

Go to sleep.



Here is a Cave

Here is a cave. (bend fingers to form cave)

Inside is a bear. (put thumb inside fingers)

Now he comes out. (thumb out)

To get some fresh air.

He stays out all summer

In sunshine and heat.

He hunts in the forest

For berries to eat. (move thumb in circle)

When snow starts to fall

He hurries inside.

His warm little cave (thumb in)

And there he will hide.

Snow covers the cave

Like a fluffy white rug. (cover with other hand)

Inside the bear sleeps

All cozy and snug.



Winter is Cold

Winter is cold (Hug yourself and shiver)

There is snow in the sky (Flutter fingers above your head)

The squirrel gathers nuts (Pretend to gather nuts)

And the wild geese fly (Flap arms)

The fluffy red fox (Cup hands over head to form ears)

Has his fur to keep warm (Stroke arms as if stroking fur)

The bear's in her cave (Form a cave shape with your arms)

Sleeping all through the storm (Fold hands under cheek and pretend to sleep)



Hibernation Song (Sung to: "Are you sleeping?")

Bear is sleeping, Bear is sleeping.

In a cave, In a cave.

I wonder when he'll come out,

I wonder when he'll come out.

In the spring, In the spring.

Brown Bears Do It

Brown bears do it,

(They HIBERNATE!)



Ladybug

Ladybugs too.

(They HIBERNATE!)

Bats and snakes,

(They HIBERNATE!)



Frog

And a frog or two.

(They HIBERNATE!)

Groundhogs, chipmunks

In a sleepy state.

What do they do?

They HIBERNATE!



Groundhog

The Alphabet Song

a-b-c-d-e-f-g

h-i-j-k-lmnop

q-r-s

t-u-v

w-x

y and z

Now I know my ABCs

Next time won't you sing with me.



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