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| Montessori Learning Center**Bayport** Monthly News |
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| Learning through experience |  | In This Issue |

**Dear Parents,**

# **Animals, Hibernation, Migration and Weather**

We hope you all enjoyed the Holidays with your families! We are looking forward to seeing the children again and working with them. Traditionally, January has been a very productive month for the children. They are happy to be back at school after the Holiday break. They look forward to seeing their friends, teachers and getting back to their “work”.

During the month of January, we will be studying about **Animals, Hibernation, Migration and Weather.** We encourage your child to participate during **show and tell. Wednesdays are show and tell in the classroom.** As a reminder, when choosing something to bring to school to share with their friends, has chosen something related to our curriculum.

Our program will continue with the Kindergartener’s coming together after circle time using the Language and Math materials. They are still all at different levels of development, however we are working with them as a group to have them prepared for Kindergarten.

*Please encourage their success at home and please do not get too concerned about their skills.*

Our younger children continue to work in all areas of the classroom at their own developmental levels.

*To encourage them to express what they have done at school, ask them what “work” they did at school.*

Please remember you are always encouraged to ask us any questions you may have about how your child is doing.

**As always, it is our pleasure to have your children with us!**

**Karen & Staff**

**NOTES**

**[Parent]**

**[REMINDER]**

**For closings due to Snow, we follow the Bayport/Blue Point School District**

**[AFTERNOON SESSIONS]**

**We offer “drop in” sessions**

**fee $25.oo a day Let us know that morning**

**TUE – WED – THU**

**Don’t forget to Bring Lunch !**



JANUARY

**:: CALENDAR REMINDER::**

**Mon Jan 3rd first day of school**

**NO SCHOOL Jan 17th**



**LEARNING**

**At Montessori ::** The teacher assesses what the child has learned and then guides him into new areas of discovery.

**At home::** Please remember to encourage fine motor skills TRY ~ **Bead stringing, cutting, gluing, painting using a thin paint brush, drawing with colored pencils** suggestions you can use with them at home for their continued **writing development**.

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Reminders Kindergarten Parents

Please have your child **bring a backpack** to school each day they are here. We would like to get them in the habit of **putting their work in** them each day so they are prepared for next year. *Remember, the PM session gets them use to having lunch in school and to get them adjusted to a full day at school.*

### Learning Center – Animals, Hibernation, Migration and Weather By Karen & Staff



At home

When you encourage your child to participate in the curriculum, you are showing them you are aware of some of the activities and this could create an understanding in your child that will encourage them to fill you in on more of their day.

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| FUN FACTS |

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:: Most birds that migrate long distances fly at night.

:: The largest snowflakes in the world fell across Fort Keogh in Montana (USA) on 28 January 1887.

:: Despite the white, fluffy appearance of Polar Bears fur, it actually has black skin.

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| For More Information |
| Contact us directly if ever you have a concern regarding your child’s education. **Bayport: 631-419-6239** **Follow us @montessori\_BBP** |

Montessori believes in following the child. So the child chooses what he wants to learn and the teacher guides the learning.

The students are familiar with the routine of the day and we are looking forward to leading them into more and more challenging “work”. This month we are focusing on Animals, Hibernation, Migration and Weather below are some suggestions for bringing the classroom home.

## **Craft:** Playful Penguins

**What You Need:**

 Materials:

* Cardboard toilet paper tube
* Black construction paper orange construction paper
* white construction paper
* googly eyes
* scissors
* glue
* pencil.

**Links to craft found at**

<http://www.naturallyeducational.com/2011/01/penguin-toilet-paper-tube-craft/>

**Web Site Fun:**

 **PINTEREST ::** We found Winter Animals

Check out all of these fun crafts and books.

<http://pinterest.com/mrspottsabc123/winter-animals-hibernation-migration-polar-arctic-/>

**Books:**

**National Geographic Readers: Great Migrations Amazing Animal Journeys**

**By Laura Marsh**

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**The Kids' Book of Weather Forecasting (Kids Can!)**

**By Breen, Mark, Friestad, Kathleen**

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**Hibernation (First Step Nonfiction)**

**By Robin Nelson**

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