

# Beaver Falls Classroom News

November 20, 2018



We continue to learn about the environment with our study on trees. We have a small potted Hemlock tree displayed in our classroom for the children to observe and will soon move it outdoors to add bird seed feeders for our little friends to have food for the winter. It will be fun to watch for any changes that take place.

We have also talked about different fruits that grow on trees. One in particular is "possum apples", also known as a persimmon. These small apples are not found everywhere, but when frost hits them they turn mushy and sweet inside. The children watched a short video of the opossum's eating them and we also learned how they got their name.

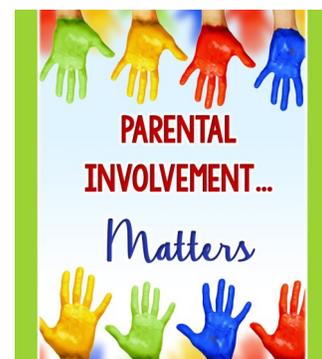


## A Teachable Moment:

To encourage self help skills and reinforce the importance of try, try again we watched a video clip of a mother bear and her baby cub climbing on a snowy mountainside trying to reach a flat plateau. The mother watched as her baby struggled to reach her and would slide down several feet each time as it got closer to her. With persistence and practice the little cub finally made it to the top. The children gave lots of sighs of relief and smiles.



We would like to thank all the parents for meeting with teaching staff for parent/teacher conferences. We appreciate your patience and interest as we explain our new curriculum. Please feel free at any time to contact us with any questions or concerns.



## Songs

"I'm a little scarecrow"

"Way up high, in an apple tree"

"Five green speckled frogs"

"Strolling through the park"



## Books Read

Henny Penny

Who lives in Trees?

Flannel Board Story:

The House with the Star in the Middle

Let's get ready to play in the snow!

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snow pants	boots	coat	hat	gloves

As a reminder please label all outdoor clothing and boots so your child is sure to bring home their own belongings. We would also appreciate it if you could provide an extra set of clothes to stay at the center. With outdoor play at this time of year, we need to change often.



## Nutrition

Mr. Miller demonstrated how to cut up a pineapple. The children were able to feel the core and taste the pineapple. We conducted an experiment to see if we can grow a pineapple by placing the top of the pineapple in water held up by toothpicks. We will keep you informed of how it is growing.

Mr. Miller also cracked open a coconut, and children tasted the inside, along with a star fruit, apples, plums, and pears. "Uhhh, they were good."



A Shelter in place drill took place on 11-15-18. These are held twice a year, as a safety measure should there be a real emergency, such as a storm or unwanted intruder. Children are brought to a safe place in the building along with teachers and remain there until we are notified by other staff that it is safe. Children did a great job at listening

## Dates to Remember:

Thanksgiving Break Nov. 21 thru Nov. 23. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!