

Beaver Falls Classroom News

December 11, 2018



Our last week of November brought an end to our study of trees. We focused on how trees change from starting out as a seed to an adult tree, and how trees change, throughout seasons. To demonstrate how we grow and change each child estimated how tall they were when they were born and placed tape on the wall with their name on it. The following day we measured how tall each child is and compared the two. The children were all excited to see how much they've grown since they were babies. The tree study incorporated a lot of information. We learned the parts of trees, what foods grow on trees, animals that live in trees and how trees change and what we can make out of them.



We would like to thank Kyle LaVancha for speaking to the class about his job at Johnsons Lumber in Carthage NY. We learned that trees are cut down by loggers and then brought to the mill on log trucks. Then the logs are stripped of bark that gets used as mulch. They are then cut down into lumber. We also were surprised to learn that the sawdust and woodchips are used to heat the lumber mill!

The class would also like to thank Eric Yousey for bringing in his mounted bobcat to display for the day. We learned that bobcats are carnivores that hunt rabbits, birds, mice, squirrels and other small game. Mr. Yousey shared that when the bobcat walks you can only see its paw print and not its claws, that is because they are retractable, they use their claws to climb trees. One of the children asked what a bobcat sounds like and we googled a real bobcat making the noise and learned it sounds like a woman screaming.



Books

Growing Trees



The Big Turnip book and flannel board story.

Twiggle Time: Twiggle and his friends have been visiting and talking about kindness and the importance of giving to others. The children have been practicing what it is like to think of others by picking out a gift (a stuffed animal provided by the program) for another friend in the classroom. It has been fun watching each child think a lot about what their friend would like. Sometimes it is hard to not think of ourselves when it comes to getting a gift



Outdoor Experiences: We were able to get outside to play everyday this past week! Children enjoyed their time sledding down our hill and they worked on strengthening core muscles by penguin sliding on their bellies.

Self help skills to encourage independence:

We are teaching the children to get themselves ready for outdoor time. We ask that you practice this at home, in this order:

Snow Pants

Boots

Coat

Hat

Mittens



"SNOW PANTS FIRST!"

Help Children Learn to Independently Dress for Winter Outdoor Play

Dates to Remember

Friday, Dec. 14th Class trip to Steeple View @ 9:30

Wednesday, Dec. 19th Class Christmas Party from 11:30-2:00 @ New Bre-