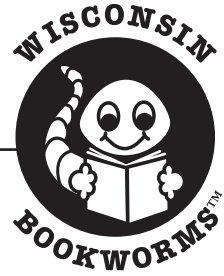


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Activity Sheet



Polar Bear Night

By Lauren Thompson, illustrated by Stephen Savage

On a keen, clear night, a polar bear cub wakes inside her warm den. Something in the moonlit stillness quietly beckons. What is it?

Before you read this book: Explore polar bear facts. Decorate your space with information and pictures about polar bears!

While you read this book: Invite your kids into the sleepy world of a polar bear night. Bring in blankets and pillows for a quiet reading time.

After you read this book: Create polar bear art. What you need: white and black construction paper, scissors, glue and colorful crayons.

Cut the white construction paper into one large circle for the body, one medium circle for the head and two small circles for the paws. Cut a small circle in half to create two semicircles for the feet. Cut another small circle in half to create two semicircles for the ears. While you make polar bears ask, "Where do polar bears live?" "What do they eat?" Glue the white construction paper circles onto the black construction paper background to create a polar bear. Using black crayons draw the polar bear face, paws, belly and ears. Encourage the children to draw other items that are in a polar bear habitat such as ice, snow and fish.

Try this at home: Create a Polar Bear Habitat.

Materials needed for this activity: A large refrigerator box, a large sheet of white and blue art paper, scissors, masking tape and white cotton or quilt batting. Cut the large cardboard box along one of the long edges. This will allow you to flatten the cardboard box along a wall. The cardboard box will act as a polar bear house of snow and ice. (Polar bears create dens in snowbanks.)

Make a polar bear snow den. Have your child help you tape the large white art paper to the cardboard box. Place a large piece of blue art paper on the floor near the polar bear snow den to represent water. Finally, place cotton or quilt batting around the polar bear snow den to represent snow and ice.

Extend the fun: *Kitten's First Full Moon* by Kevin Henkes; *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* by Bill Martin and Eric Carle; *Do Polar Bears Snooze in Hollow Trees?: A Book About Animal Hibernation* by Laura Purdie Salas, illustrated by Todd Ouren

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