#### Theme: Arctic Animals

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Song	Polar Bears	Polar Bears	Polar Bears	Polar Bears	Polar Bears	
Art	Artic Mural	Walrus Paper Plate Craft	Artic Fox Paper Craft	Water Color Narwhal	Snowy Owl Paper Plate Craft	Trip to a Local Zoo to see the
Science	Blubber	Family Groups	Artic Fox Changes Colors	Echolocation	Snowy Owls Have Feathers	
Math	Paw Prints Game	Fishing	Finish the Patterns	Narwhal Matching Cards	Snowy Owl Dot to Dot	Trip to a Local Library to Check Out Books on Artic Animals
Language	Tracing Polar Bear	Walrus Paper Bag Puppet	Artic Fox Bookmark	Letter N Tracing Sheet	Snowy Owl Story	
Snack	Polar Bear Rice Cakes	Walrus Sloppy Joe	Floating Iceberg	Blue Gelatin "Ocean"	Snowy Owl Rice Cakes	

#### Materials:

Light Blue Paper (wrapping, construction)

White Paper (butcher)

Washable Blue Finger Paint (optional)

Tape

2 Ziplock Plastic Bags

Vegetable Shortening

Marker

Crayons or Markers

3 10 1/4" Paper Plates

5 6" Paper Plates

2 Plastic Spoons or Straws

Brown Yarn

Brown Washable Paint

Glue

Glue or Glue Stick

Safety Scissors (if your child will help cut)

Clear Contact Paper (optional)

Metal Paper Clips

Small Magnet

String

White Cotton Balls

**Brown Pom-Poms** 

Ribbon (optional) Water Colors

Paint Brush or Q-tips

Construction Paper (any color)

Scraps of Yellow & Brown Construction Paper

White Feathers

Small Stick

Lunch Size Paper Bag

#### Snack Ingredients:

Rice Cake (two snacks)

Cottage Cheese

Cream Cheese

White Cheese

Black Olives or Raisins

Sliced Black Olives

Oreo Cookie

Banana

Sloppy Joe Filling (your favorite recipe)

Hamburger Bun

**Baby Carrot** 

Tortilla Chips

Blue Kool-Aid or other blue drink

Small Clear Plastic Cups

Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream or Frozen Yogurt

Blue Gelatin

Round Crackers





Light Blue Paper (Wrapping Paper, Construction paper)

Alternate: You can finger paint a large piece of white butcher paper with light blue finger paint. This adds a great texture to your mural!

White Butcher Paper (or Wrapping Paper).

#### Directions:

Create a back-drop for all of your artic animals this week, by creating a mural with blue and white paper.

Blue is for the sky, use the white paper to make a snowy "land" area. And blue again (can be a darker blue) for the water.

You can also add paper snowflakes if you have any left over from last week!

As we go through the week, you can add your artic animals to the appropriate places in your artic environment.

# Walrus Paper Bag Puppet

#### Materials:

Template: http://www.first-school.ws/activities/crafts/animals/wild/walrus.htm

Safety Scissors (if your child will help cut)

Lunch-Size Paper Bag

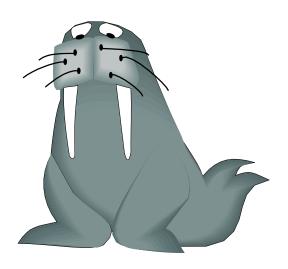
Glue or Glue Stick

#### Directions:

Print and cut out (or help your child to cut out) the walrus puppet templates. (directions are included)

Glue together onto paper bag.

Let your child create a story and act it out with their puppet!



# Snowy Owl Story

#### Materials:

Story Template

Pen or Pencil

#### Directions:

Have your child dictate a story about a snowy owl.

It's okay to help them get started; and it's okay if their story doesn't quite have a beginning, middle and end. Just catch as much of it as you can and write it down for them.

If they want they can draw a picture to illustrate their story.

Example questions to get started:

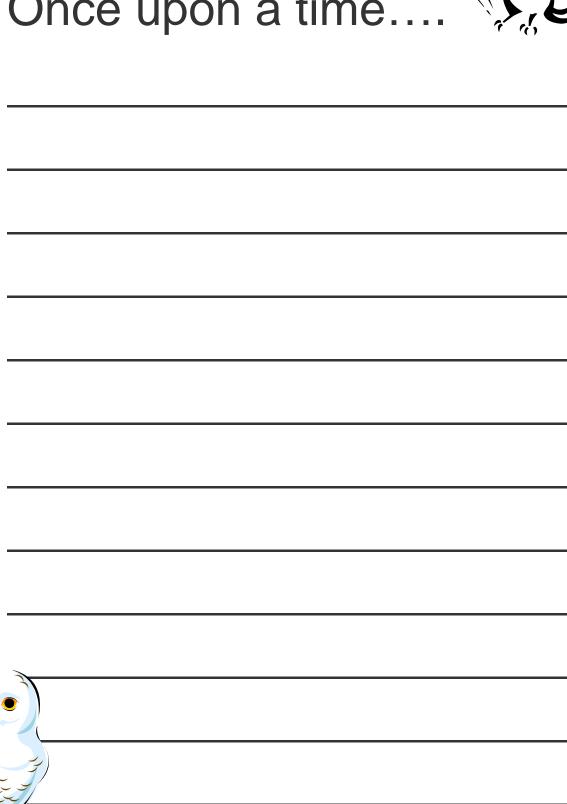
What did your snowy owl see?

Who did your snowy owl meet?

Where did your snowy owl fly?

What was your snowy owl's name?





# Artic Fox Bookmark

#### Materials:

**Book Mark Template** 

Crayons or Markers

Hole Punch

Ribbon or String



#### Directions:

Print and cut out, (or help your child to cut out) the bookmark template.

Encourage your child to color it in any way they would like.

Use the hole punch to punch a hole at the top of the bookmark.

Thread a piece of ribbon or string through the hole.

Enjoy your bookmark!

## Paw Prints Game

#### Materials:

Paw Print Template:

http://www.nestlefamily.com/Nirf/cm2/upload/E9BA07AD-582D-4C37-92E7-0BF88E0309C3/lv3 hnc bf temp\_bear\_paws.gif

Tape

Marker

#### Directions:

Print out as many paw prints as you would like.

With the marker, number them.

Take turns with your child creating a polar bear "trail" help your child to follow the paw prints in numerical order.

It's also fun to put a little "prize" at the end of the trail. (*Example:* a stuffed bear or other favorite toy or destination.)













# Narwhal Matching Cards

#### Materials:

Narwhal Card Templates

Clear Contact Paper (optional)

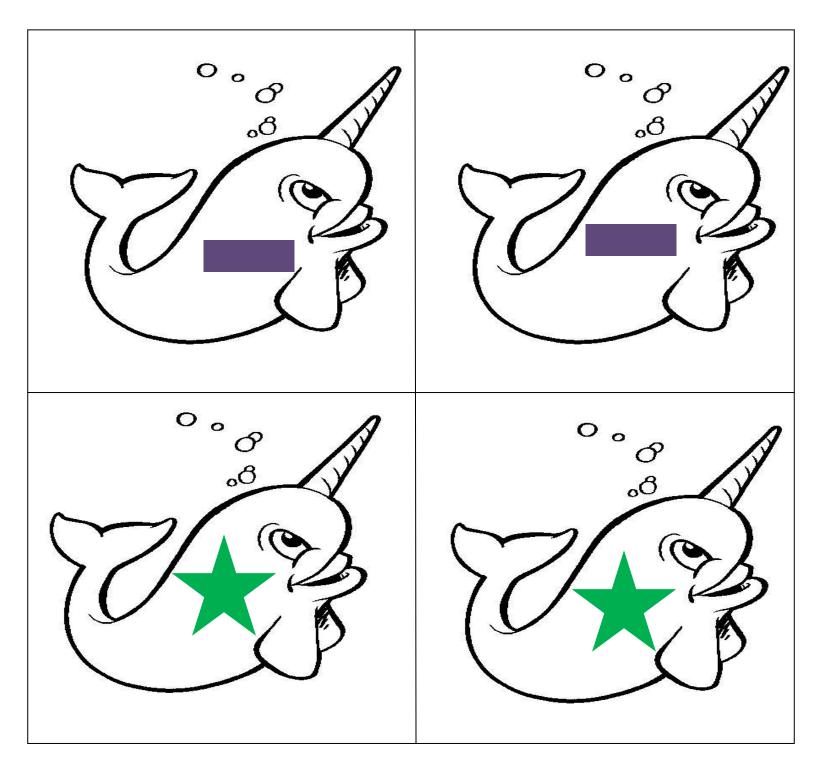
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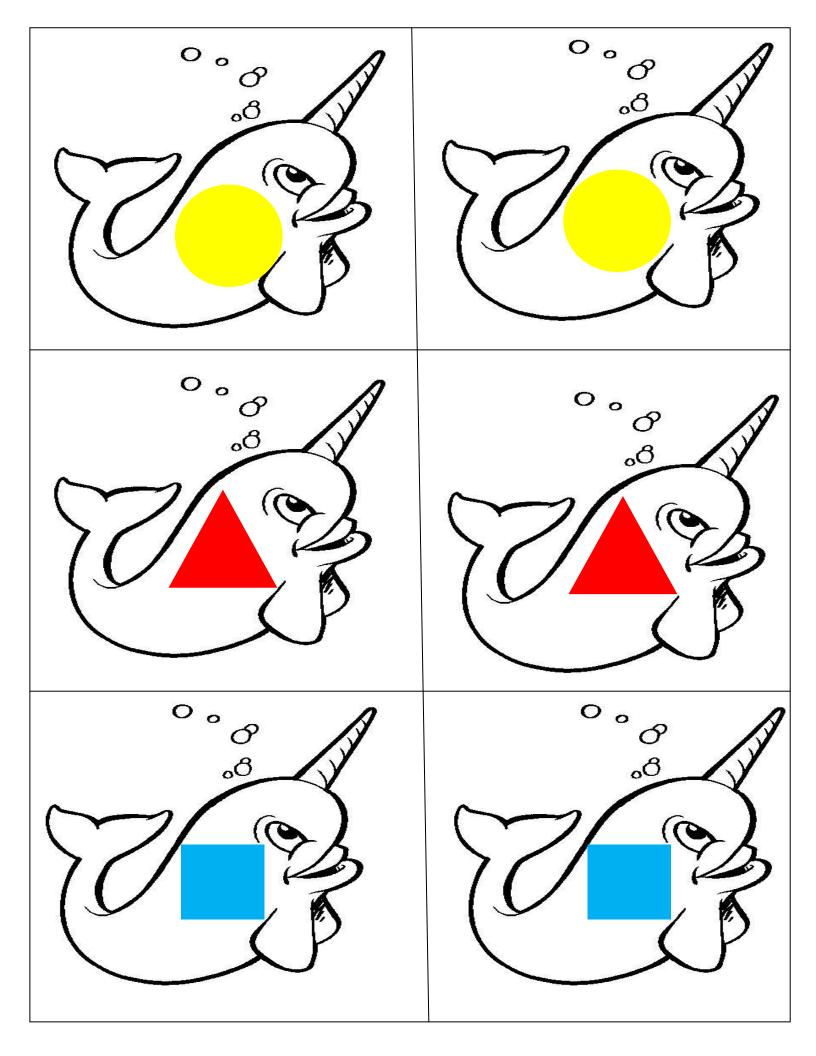
Print and cut out the narwhal matching cards.

Cover with clear contact paper if you would like them to last through more than one or two uses.

Mix the cards up, and then help your child to match the shapes and colors.

You may also use these cards to play a "memory" game.





# Fishing

#### Materials:

Fish and Clam Templates

Clear Contact Paper (optional)

Metal Paper Clips

Small Magnet

Small Stick

String



#### **Directions:**

Adhere string to magnet.

Adhere string and magnet to small stick to create a fishing pole.

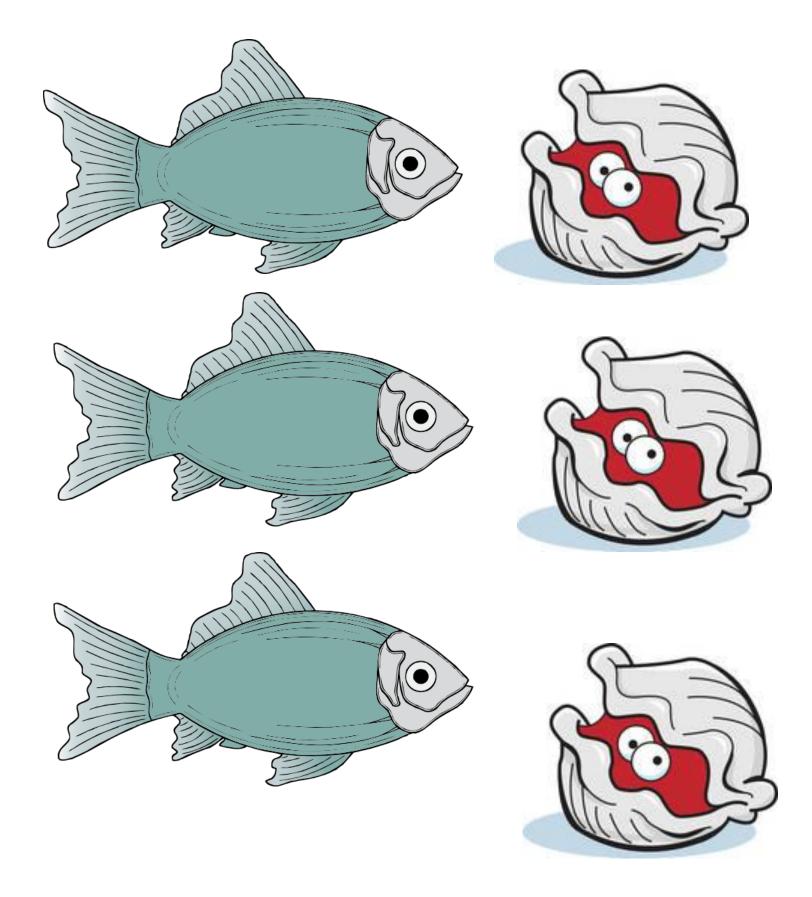
Print and cut out the fish and clam templates. Cover with clear contact paper if you would like the game to last for more than one or two uses.

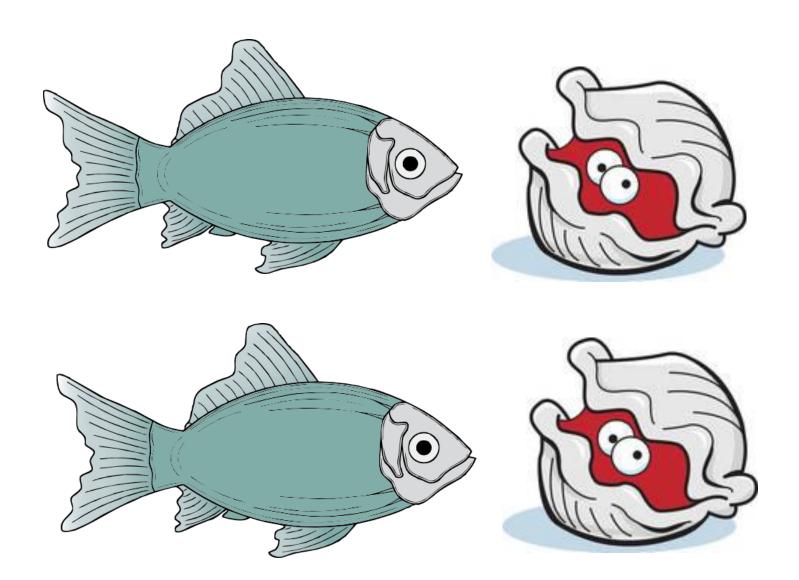
Place a metal paper clip on each clam or fish.

Place the clams and fish on the floor in a group. (I usually use a blue pillow case or blanket to make an "ocean" to fish in.)

Help your child to "fish" by placing the magnet onto a paper clip to catch a fish or clam.

Once finished, divide the catch, and count how many clams and how many fish you caught for the walruses!

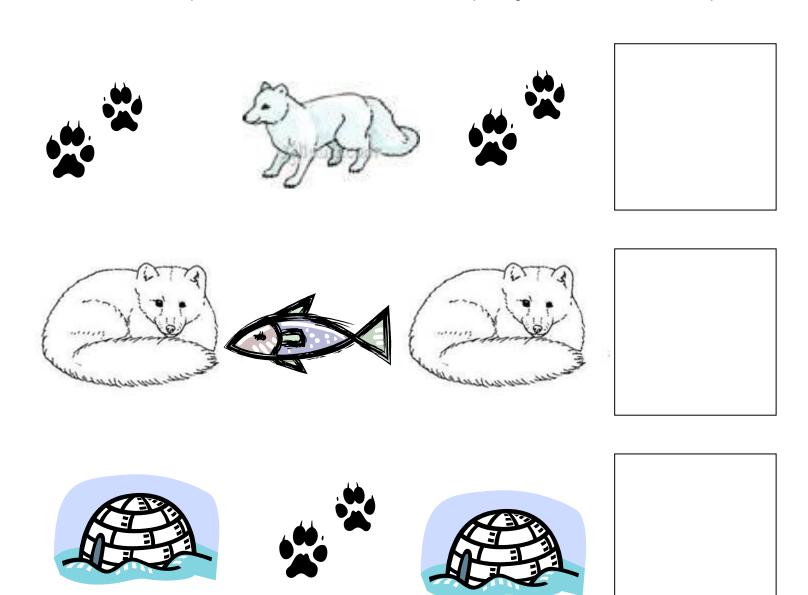


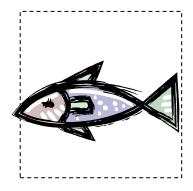


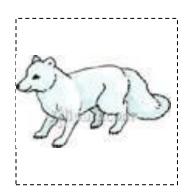
### Finish the Pattern

#### **Directions:**

Cut out the squares on the bottom of the sheet and tape or glue on to finish the correct pattern.









# Walruses Live in Family Groups

#### Materials:

Walrus Template:

http://www.first-school.ws/t/cpwalrus.htm

Crayons or Markers

Safety Scissors (if your child will help cut)



In the Spring and Summer Walruses live in family groups.

Print and cut out, (or help your child to cut out) one walrus template for every member of your family.

Encourage your child to color in each walrus and write a family member's name on each one.

Make a family group of walruses, and display on your mural!

# The Artic Fox Changes Colors

#### Materials:

2 Artic Fox Templates: http://www.supercoloring.com/wp-content/original/2009 01/fox-4-coloring-page.gif

Glue

White Cotton Balls

**Brown Pom-Poms** 

#### **Directions:**

Print out 2 artic fox templates.

Explain that in the summer time the artic fox has brown fur. Help your child to glue brown pom-poms onto the first fox print-out.

In the winter, the artic fox changes the color of it's fur to white. This helps it to blend into the snow. Help your child to glue white cotton balls onto the second print-out.

When dry put both foxes on your mural and ask your child which one is easier to see in the snow!

# Snowy Owls Have Feathers

#### Materials:

**Snowy Owl Template:** 

http://animalstown.com/animals/s/snowy-owl/coloring-pages/snowy-owl-coloring-01.html

Glue

White Feathers

#### **Directions**:

Print out snowy owl template.

Show your child how to glue the white feathers to the picture.

Let your child explore the feathers. How do they help the owl blend into the snow? How do they feel? How could they help the owl stay warm?



## Polar Bear Blubber

#### Materials:

Bowl of Ice Water

Two Ziplock Plastic Bags

Shortening



#### **Directions:**

Talk about how cold it is in the artic. The polar bear needs something to help keep him warm when he swims in the cold water. Lucky for the polar bear, he has a thick layer of fat called blubber under his fur.

Fill one Ziplock bag half-way full with shortening. Let your child place their hand in the empty bag and put that bag into the one filled with shortening. Squish it around so that the "blubber" covers their hand.

Let your child put their covered hand into the bowl of ice water. How does it feel? Try it without the blubber and see what the difference is!

### Ccholocation

#### Materials:

Narwhal Template: <a href="http://1coloring-pages.com/narwhal-coloring-page-to-print-out.html">http://1coloring-pages.com/narwhal-coloring-page-to-print-out.html</a>

"Echolocation" Word Strip

1 Piece of Construction Paper

Safety Scissors (if your child will be cutting)

Glue or Tape

#### Directions:

Print out the narwhal template.

Cut out (or if you child is able, have your child cut out) the narwhal.

Fold the piece of construction paper in half, and cut to make two long strips. Attach the strips together with glue or tape. Measure to your child's head and glue or tape the ends to make a hat that fits snuggly around their head.

Attach the narwhal onto the hat.

Talk about the word "Echolocation;" and how it means that narwhals are able to use a special sound that humans can't hear. This sound bounces off things and lets them "hear" where things are, even deep in the water where it is dark.

Put on the narwhal hat and go on a sound hunt! Close your eyes and see how many sounds you can hear. Try this outside and see if you can hear more or different sounds?

# Echolocation

# Snowy Owl Rice Cake

#### Materials:

Rice Cake

Cream Cheese

**Round Butter Crackers** 

Sliced Black Olives



#### Directions:

Cover the Rice Cake with Cream Cheese.

Place two round crackers at the top for eyes.

With cream cheese add a sliced black olive on each cracker to make a pupil.

Enjoy your snowy owl!

# Blug Gelatin Oceans

#### Materials:

Small Clear Plastic Cups

Blue Gelatin

#### Directions:

Prepare Gelatin according to package directions.

Pour into clear plastic cups and let set.

Enjoy your ocean!

## Polar Bears

Tune: Mary had a little lamb

Polar bears are soft and white, soft and white, Polar bears are soft and white, and live where it's cold.



http://www.perpetualpreschool.com/preschool themes/winteranimal/winteranimal songs.htm

# Artic Fox Bookmark

#### Materials:

**Book Mark Template** 

Crayons or Markers

Hole Punch

Ribbon or String



#### Directions:

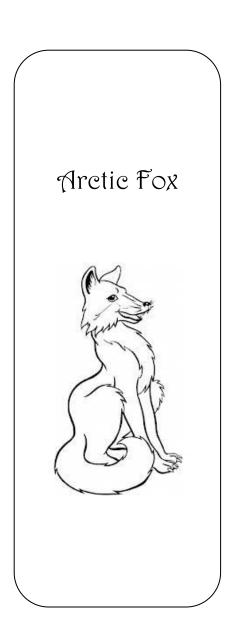
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Encourage your child to color it in any way they would like.

Use the hole punch to punch a hole at the top of the bookmark.

Thread a piece of ribbon or string through the hole.

Enjoy your bookmark!



# Floating legberg

#### **Ingredients:**

Blue Kool Aid (or other blue drink)

Small Clear Plastic Cup

Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream or Frozen Yogurt



#### **Directions**:

Fill small plastic cup half-way full with blue drink.

Add a small scoop of vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt to make a floating iceberg!