

Suggested Books:

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson

Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik

What's Under the Log by Anne Hunter

The Busy Little Squirrel by Nancy Tafuri

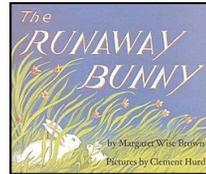
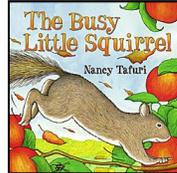
Bravo, Livingston Mouse! by Pamela Edwards

The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown

Can't You Sleep Little Bear? By Martin Waddell

Wake Up, Sleepy Bear! by Greg & Christine Morton-Shaw

Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See? by Eric Carle



Featured Song of the Week:

“Little Bear” (tune: “Frere Jacques”)

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping,
Little bear, little bear?

You will sleep all winter,
Through the cold, cold winter,
Little bear, little bear.

*You will wake in springtime,
In the warm, warm, springtime,
Little bear, little bear.



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Forest Friends



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“Recipe” for playing at home:

Trails to tread at home

Create an antler hat! Help your child trace their hands on paper and cut them out using scissors. Have your child help you staple the hand shapes to a long strip of paper. Measure the paper around their head and staple to fit. Invite your child to wear their antler hat and pretend that you’re in a “forest friend” parade.

Read one of the suggested stories. Discuss how some forest animals store nuts and berries for winter and ways that they keep warm. “What are some things that you do to stay warm and happy during the winter months?”

Create your own track prints. Tape a large sheet of paper to the floor, then have your child carefully step in a tray of shallow paint. Help your child walk along the paper. “What do your *paw* prints look like?” **Have a towel ready at the end of the paper to wipe feet.**

Brave the rain and wind and go for a walk. This is the perfect time of year to spot deer in the woods or hear frogs near a lake or pond.



What is my child learning?

Pretending to be a forest animal encourages children to think about the ways that different animals move and sound.

Reading stories and making connections to the characters helps children learn about the world they live in. Making connections also helps us to remember what we learn.

Creating your own tracks is a fun sensory experience and shows children a dramatic view of the bottom of their feet.

Going for a walk is a great way to stay healthy and active. Looking for animals builds observation skills and a growing respect for animals and nature.



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Come play at the Museum!

ADMISSION

The Museum offers *Pay As You Will* admission. Pay what you can during your visit to help us ensure that every child gets a chance to play!

HOURS OF PLAY

Wednesday to Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Member Hours:

Monday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.