2nd Grade - Act. 27: How Animals Prepare for Winter

Summary
This lesson teaches students that some animals migrate and others hibernate during the winter months.

Main Core Tie
Science - 2nd Grade
Standard 2 Objective 3

Additional Core Ties
Science - 2nd Grade
Standard 4 Objective 1

Materials
- How and Why Animals Prepare for Winter
  by Elaine Pascoe
  Animals Workbook
Additional Resources
Every Autumn Comes the Bear by Jim Arnosky

Intended Learning Outcomes
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5. Understand and use basic concepts and skills.
Process Skills
Observation, classification

Instructional Procedures
Invitation to Learn
Ask students to describe what they do differently when winter comes.
Instructional Procedures
Read aloud How and Why Animals Prepare for Winter. Discuss animal adaptations as you read.
After reading about migratory animals, have students complete the migratory section of their book and draw animals that migrate in the wintertime.
Repeat with hibernating and active animals.

Extensions
If you have access to pictures of animals, sort them into groups: migratory, hibernating, or active animals. Make pinecone birdfeeders (pinecones, peanut butter, and birdseed).
Family Connections
Discuss pets and animals in the neighborhood. What do they do to prepare for winter?

Assessment Plan
Do they have appropriate animals in the correct categories? Are there hibernating animals on the page talking about migrating animals?

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