

Winter Walk / James Pond or Haldane Woods or Haldane Campus

2017 January

1st Grade Garden Parent Lesson #11

Objective: Explore the winter woods using multiple senses, inspired by animals and their special senses.

Time/location: The entire lesson can be done in 45 min.

Materials: Animal Stickers (optional) earning their animal badge

Poems: Old English Rhyme/ Wise Old Owl https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Wise_Old_Owl

Part 1 / Gather and introduce animal senses

- Explain that we are taking a walk to James Pond to observe the winter woods. We are going to be inspired by animal senses.
- Intro each inspiring animal and their strong sense: Owl Eyes, Deer Ears, Raccoon Fingers, Dog Nose, Fox Step and encourage the kids to pantomime along.

Owl Eyes: Did you know that owls have amazing vision? Since there's so much to see, we need to put on our owl eyes. Open your eyes wide and make two fists with your hands and put them in front of your eyes like binoculars and look around. Now, you have OWL EYES!

Deer Ears: Deer have incredible hearing. Be like a deer with your hearing. There's a lot to listen for so get your ears ready! Cup your hands around your ears and listen carefully. These are your DEER EARS!

Raccoon Fingers: Raccoons have very sensitive hands and fingers. Get your hands prepared for the many plants that have interesting textures. There's a lot to touch, so get your fingers ready! Wiggle your fingers and rub your hands together. Now you have RACCOON FINGERS

Dog Nose: Guess what special sense dogs have? A strong sense of smell! There are plenty of smells here, so get your nose ready! Lick your upper lip and twitch your nose and take a deep breath in. Now you have DOG NOSE!

Fox Walk: Foxes have to walk very softly and quietly to sneak up on the small animals they like to eat. Their feet are so sensitive they can feel vibrations in the ground. There are lots of small animals to look at in the arboretum, so get your feet ready! Walk heel to toe setting your foot down very carefully and quietly. Now you have a FOX WALK!

https://botanicgardens.uw.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2014/10/Scavenger_Hunt_Animal_Senses.pdf

They can pretend to be different animals as we walk along, and use their senses to make observations.

Part 2 /

We will share these observation at the Pond, and everyone who participates will earn an animal badge when we get back to school.

Part 3/ An Old English Rhyme printed on a bookmark in the 1930s.

If there is time we can learn this poem and talk about what senses the owl is using.

A wise old owl lived in an oak,
The more he saw, the less he spoke
The less he spoke, the more he heard,
Now, wasn't he a wise old bird?



