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Children's Bilingual Picture Books

Activity Guide #1

Polar Slumber/ Sueño polar

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Subjects
Science
Geography
Language Arts
Art

Brief Description
Children learn how to use a wordless picture book. Arctic circle animal identification, habitat and increase verbal story-telling skills are also addressed.

Objectives
- Introduce and nurture storytelling skills
- Learn sequencing of stories
- Correctly identify locations on a map or globe
- Learn to identify animal species and locate habitats

Key Words
Wordless picture books, Arctic animals, polar bears

Grade Level(s)
K-4

Materials Needed
Wordless picture book, *Polar Slumber/ Sueño polar*
Maps/Globe
Art supplies
Dictionary
Reference books / Internet

Activities
- Slowly page through *Polar Slumber / Sueño polar* having the child tell you what they think is going on in each large, colored picture. Take your time and allow the child to notice details along the way. This builds vocabulary, comprehension, communication skills, and sparks creativity and imagination.
- Using the same method, use the small black and white pictures on each page to elaborate on the story or make up a story using *only* the black and white pictures.

- Page through the book again and tell your child what *you* think might be happening in the story, building on some of their ideas or creating an entirely new version of your own. Do the same with the small black and white pictures.
- Read the author's poem, *Polar Slumber/ Sueño polar*, to set the mood and tone of the story. Ask your child what parts of the author's poem are shown in the pictures. What is left out? Is the author's story comparable to the one your child told? To the one you told? In what ways are they similar? How are they different?
- Learning from context—Find words in the author's poem that may be unfamiliar to your child and ask him (or her) what he (or she) thinks the word means. Look up the words in a dictionary together.
- Identify the various animals in *Polar Slumber / Sueño polar*. Research the habitat and interesting facts about your child's favorite animal in the story.
- Find the Arctic and Polar Regions on a globe or map and read about these areas online or in reference books or magazines.
- Research the Northern Lights.
- Have your child make a wordless picture book (crayons, paints, colored pencils) and use their drawings to tell their own story.

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