

# Firefly Scientists' Garden



Environmental Education at The Lemberg Children's Center

## FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN:

February is known to be a month for remembering and celebrating all of the people and things that we love. For us, we used this month to celebrate the love and appreciation we have for our garden, and for the world around us. You don't have to wait until Earth day to celebrate our lovely planet- at Lemberg we use any chance we get. What do you love about Earth?

## JOIN US FOR FAMILY GARDEN DAY!

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03/15/2025

Come join us at Lemberg for our March Family Garden Day- and get to make your very own windowsill herb garden!

9:30-11:30 AM

Lemberg Children's Center  
457 Old S St, Waltham, MA  
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Meet us in the front office!

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## LEARNING THIS MONTH

### Our Homes and Biomes

Winter, spring, summer, and fall- here in Waltham we get to experience four distinct seasons. But what about other places around the world? We've learned lots about the plants and animals that we get to see around here, but what exactly makes this a good home for them? For this activity we talked about our biome (the temperate forest), and two others- deserts and oceans. We thought about what sets them apart, and why you might see chipmunks here in Waltham, but probably not in the ocean. Then, we let our creativity run free- we made colorful collages for each of the three biomes we learned about. And of course, it wouldn't be a garden lesson without going outside to play in the wonderful temperate forest we call home.



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## Oaks and Pines, Will You be Our Valentines?

We celebrated Valentine's Day all week here at Lemberg. After reading *The EARTH Book* by Todd Parr, we reflected on what we all love about our Earth and how we can show kindness to nature. To show the Earth our love, each classroom got to shower a big poster of Earth with our very own valentines... hearts decorated in all things Earth that we love. Worms, oceans, sunlight, trees, soil, people- you name it. We can think of an endless list of things that we love about our planet. We hope you had a happy Valentine's day at home, too- celebrating all of these things and more.





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## Arctic Animal Adventure

As February comes to a close, warm weather is just on the horizon! But first, we spent our final few snowy days thinking about an icy place where cold weather sticks around all year- the Arctic! We read *Follow the Polar Bears* by Sonia W. Black, and then acted out some of our favorite Arctic creatures. We put on our best polar bear claws, sniffed around for food like Arctic foxes, hopped around like hares, swam like whales and seals, and camouflaged with the snow. As we continued to play through the garden, we looked for signs of local winter animals before the snow melts away for the spring. What kinds of things will we do in the garden next?



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## Tu Bishvat

On February 13th, Maddie had the pleasure of attending Temple Beth Israel's Tu Bishvat seder and tree fair. Following the seder was an opportunity for attendees to visit



interactive stations from different sustainability organizations around the Waltham area. Representing Lemberg's Environmental Education Program, Maddie brought pots, soil, seeds, and water so that people could start some seedlings to be planted outside in the spring. It was an honor to partake in this event and learn from our neighboring stewardly programs.

## We're Enjoying Our Final Few Snowy Days!



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