

# February Branch News

The Branchers started off the New Year in the **Arctic** and **Antarctic** exploring and researching penguins, scientists, and polar bears. We were amazed to find so many different kinds of penguins: we discovered macaroni, rock hopper, chinstrap, and Brancher size emperor penguins. The Branchers thought the penguin names were quite silly. We also learned how to care for penguin eggs and baby penguins.

As scientists the Branchers learned how to do research, gathering facts using magazines and a magnifying glass.

They also learned a new Polar Bear song: (tune, I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm the strongest Polar Bear out in the snow,  
I like to eat fish and penguins you know,  
When the winter comes, I must go to sleep,  
Cover me up and don't make a peep!

At **"rookery"** (the time when a colony of penguins gather, aka circle time) we became very familiar with the North and South Pole. Our scientists explained to us that they used ice breaker ships down south to explore the Antarctic as a means to get to their camps.

Up north in the Arctic the Branchers were not too pleased to discover that the Polar bears eat PENGUINS, fish, and SEALS. They were relieved to find out that Polar bears do **hibernate** and sleep all winter!

As most of you know, Growing Tree is **"Sprouting Out"**. Construction will be everywhere: construction workers, tractors, hammers, and nails. So as not to be left

out the Branch room will become its own **“Construction Zone”**

We will be working daily with our tool belts on building houses and laying the foundation for a great month.

We will take a day or so off to celebrate **Valentine’s Day**. If your child would like to bring in cards we ask that:

- They are not addressed to specific children as it is much easier for your child to hand out their valentines this way
- No candy please
- There are 23 Branchers in our class

**Happy Valentine’s Day.**

Ms. Kelly, Ms. Annie, Ms. Ann & Ms. Stacy

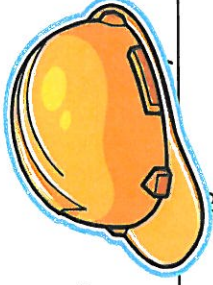
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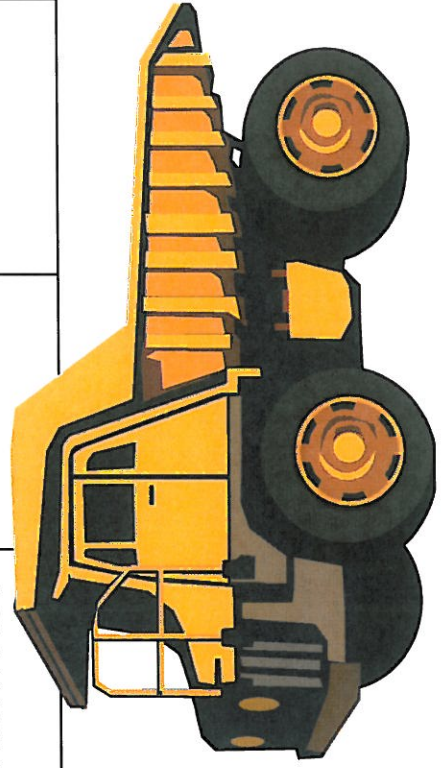
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# Under Construction



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		1 BUILD A GINGERBREAD HOUSE	2 SQUARE COLLAGE
6 BULL DOZER PAINTING	7 BLUE PRINTS	8 CONSTRUCTION ZONE	9 POPSICLE STICK HOUSE
13 HAMMER AND NAILS	14 TOOL TRACE	15 MARBLE PAINT	16 HARD HAT HEAD BANDS
20 CLOSED	21 WINDOWS AND DOORS	22 TOOL TRACE AND CUT	23 STEPPING STONES
27 STRAW HOUSE	28 STICK HOUSE	29 BRICK HOUSE	
			10 PAINT
			17 DIGGER PAINTIG
			24 STEPPING STONES
			10 POPSICLE STICK HOUSE



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