

# Winter Scavenger Hunt

Can you find all these on your walk?



Bare tree with no leaves



Evergreen tree with its needles still on



Two types of cones—pine, spruce, cedar, etc.



Acorns with their "hats" on



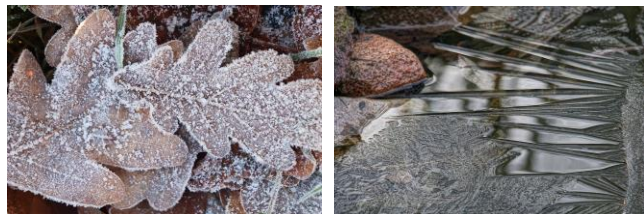
Squirrel



Bird (you might have to use your ears!)



Lichen on the bark of a tree or fallen log



Ice or frost

## Winter Nature Books:

Over and Under the Snow, Messner

Hiders Seekers Finders Keepers: How Animals Adapt in Winter, Kulekjian

The Story of Snow, Cassino

Snowballs, Ehlert

Whose Tracks in the Snow? Milton

Best in Snow, Sayre

## Ways to explore nature inside:

- If it snows, bring some snow inside, put it in a shallow container, and let your child play with it. If you're feeling adventurous, give your child liquid watercolor paint to paint the snow.
- If there is no real snow, you can make it by combining baking soda and shaving cream. Make a batch of that for your child to play with. Add shovels and containers to form the "snow" into different shapes.
- Freeze water in different sized plastic containers, then put it in a shallow container or on your child's highchair tray and let them explore it. Add hammers or other tools to try to break the ice, eye droppers and water and/or salt to try to melt the ice, or paint to color it.
- Bring sticks, pinecones, pine needles, or other natural elements and let your child "dissect" and inspect them. They can also use the natural items as paintbrushes!
- Use animal figurines/toys to make footprints in playdough (white can be snow), or dip them in paint and make footprint art.
- Make a simple bird feeder by spreading peanut butter on a toilet paper roll, then adding birdseed. Hang it outside your window and watch the birds who come to snack!

