Dear Families,

There was a lot of information contained in today’s video. Here are some key points to help you discuss the Arctic habitat with your child.

* The arctic habitat is cold and windy. The ground is frozen and covered with ice during the winter when there is very little sunlight. The Arctic Ocean has very cold water and is covered with a lot of ice.
* Plants grow close together and grow close to the ground to keep from being blown by the wind.
* Some animals have 2 layers of thick fur/hair, a layer of blubber (fat) to trap in body heat, paws covered with fur to stay warm while walking on ice, wide paws to walk on ice/snow, white fur to blend in with the snow, traveling in herds to stay warm.

After watching and talking about the video, your child should be able to answer the following questions:

1. Describe the Arctic habitat.

2. How have plants adapted to the Arctic habitat?

3. What are adaptations some animals have to survive in the Arctic habitat?