February Topic: ANIMAL SENSES

Ms. Becky shared the following information:

We have 5 senses: sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch that help us learn about the world. Animals have the same senses, but often experience them differently than we do.

- **Sight**—Owls have excellent vision for seeing at night. Moles are nearly blind. Predators, such as coyotes and foxes, have eyes that face forward. Prey animals, such as squirrels and rabbits, have eyes on the sides of their heads so they can see all around them.

- **Hearing**—Owls have ears on their faces. Katydid and crickets have ears on their knees.

- **Smell**—Some insects smell with their antennae. Snakes smell with their tongues. Squirrels can smell an acorn buried under the snow.

- **Taste**—Butterflies and flies use their feet for tasting. Catfish use their whiskers, or barbels, for tasting. What would it be like if we tasted our food with our feet?

- **Touch**—Many animals use their whiskers for feeling.

**Book Suggestions:**

Animal Eyes, Animal Mouths, Animal Ears, Animal Noses, all by Mary Holland