November Topic: **WILD TURKEYS**

- Wild turkeys are smarter than domestic turkeys. They are able to take care of themselves.

- Male turkeys are called toms, females are hens, and the young are poults.

- Males can spread their tail feathers into a large fan shape, in order to attract a mate. The bright colors on their heads are also attractive to hens.

- Turkey hens lay their eggs on the ground. Not in a nest in a tree.

- Turkey feet are like a garden tool. They are used to rake through leaves for food such as acorns, spiders, insects and various seeds.

- Turkey predators include coyotes, foxes and man; their eggs are eaten by squirrels, snakes, coyotes and foxes.

**Book Suggestions:** *Turkey Trouble*, by Wendi Silvano; *Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving*, by Dav Pilkey