December Topic: **SOUNDS OF NATURE**

- Adult animals (usually males) make sounds for many reasons including establishing territory, looking for mates, and communicating danger is near.

- Young animals make sounds for some of the same reasons that human babies do: to say they are scared, lonely, hungry, or cold.

- Daytime sounds to listen for include the many different bird songs (each have their own), geese honking as they fly over, and many insects buzzing including bees.

- Animals you may hear at night are owls, coyotes, frogs, and the singing of crickets.

- Don’t forget to listen to the many sounds of nature that do not include animals: the rain, the wind, or a babbling brook.

*Book suggestions: Bark George, by Jules Feiffer and The Very Quiet Cricket, by Eric Carle*