

Winter Walk

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I went on a walk in the Winter, and the first thing I heard was the crunchy sound of my boots on the snow. It sounded like eating granola. Next we heard a bird chirping but we couldn't see it. It sounded loud and if you heard it everyday, it might bother you. Next we felt moss that was dangling off the branches of a pine tree. It felt like an old witch's hair, dray and scary. We saw a burnt out tree. We knew it was burnt because it was all black on the inside and on the outside, it had a brown outline. An animal could sleep in the hole. On the trunk of the tree, we saw a kind of light green lichen that was scratchy and tasted strong and yucky. We looked up in the sky and saw that the trees created a circle around a chunk of sky. The sky was light blue, especially wit the sun shining on it. I saw the snow was sparkling and it looked like the snow was rainbow polka dots. The snow tasted very cold.

Then we saw some buds growing on a bush. I know that in the Summer, they are going to grow. We saw berries growing in the wintertime. They were red and usually these plants don't grow in the Winter. My favorite thing that we saw was "snow feathers". Snow feathers are snow that looks like feathers, attached to branches. They're actually not feathers, they are ice crystals. The last thing that we saw was a bud (we think) and it looked like a gray flower. It was very small.

During the walk, we smelled the cold air and it felt like something was pinching our noses.

How we explore nature in our neighborhood is we use our 5 senses: smelling, hearing, feeling, tasting and seeing. I love nature because it's very interesting.

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Congratulations Hallie,

You are a truly precocious winner. We not only appreciated your ability to write, but also your ability to observe and descibe what you've observed. What a great way to begin as a talented young nonfiction author!

Sincerely,
Buck and Dlana Wilde

