## Design Your Own Cold Winter Surviving Animal

Ask students to design their own wild animal, with characteristics that would help it survive through a cold winter. They will need to decide if their animal will migrate, hibernate or adapt to the cold weather that's coming. Have students draw a picture of what their animal would look like, give it a name, and write about its fall and winter behavior. Use the questions below as a guide.

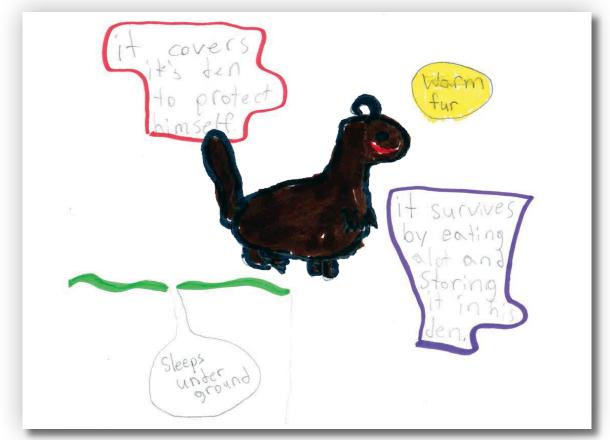
## An animal who <u>migrates</u> travels during winter to a place where there's more food.

- 1. How will your animal survive the winter?
- 2. How will your animal travel?
- 3. Where will your animal go?
- 4. How will your animal find food during the trip?
- 5. How will it protect itself from predators while traveling?

## <u>Hibernating</u> animals sleep during the winter months, needing little or no food.

- 1. How will your animal survive the winter?
- 2. Where will your animal sleep?
- 3. What is your animal's body covering?
- 4. How will it survive the winter without eating?
- 5. How will it protect itself from predators while sleeping?

- Animals who stays active in winter need to <u>adapt</u> to colder weather.
- 1. How will your animal prepare for the long, cold winter?
- 2. Where will it sleep at night?
- 3. What is your animal's body covering?
- 4. How will it find food when the ground is covered with snow?
- 5. How will it protect itself from hungry predators?



Lily created a **Fluffy Fluffernutter**, a very furry, ground dwelling, hibernating mammal living deep in the forest. To survive the Ohio winter, **Fluffy Fluffernutters** eat a lot in the fall, dig a deep burrow, and grow a thick undercoat, before nodding off sometime before Thanksgiving.