Bear has a story to tell

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Visual Arts
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Summary: Using books and art materials, students will compare photographs and illustrations in books about bears, both fictional and real to design their own book covers and end page art for a bear book.

Pass objective: Standard 3: Visual Art Expression - Second grade students will observe, select, and utilize a variety of ideas and subject matter in creating original works of visual art.

Materials needed:

Book List:
Bear has a story to tell – Philip Stead
The three bears – Paul Galdone
The bear went over the mountain – Iza Trapani
Every Autumn comes the bear – Jim Arnosky
Animal Hibernation – Jeanie Mebane
Our Three Bears – Ron Hirschi
Face to Face with Grizzlies – Joel Sartore
Natures Patterns – Hibernation – Anita Ganeri

Supplies: Scrap paper and pencils to sketch their bear art. Colored pencils, crayons, markers or watercolors and paper for finished product. Microsoft Paint could be an option for some students.

Activities: Reading Stead’s book - Bear has a story to tell, along with other fictional bear books and non-fiction books about hibernation and bear behavior that have both photographs and illustrations.

Process:
1-After reading and looking at the art and pictures in the books, the students will be called on to compare the photographs and illustrations in the book selections.
2-Using scrap paper and pencils students will be given opportunity to sketch their bear art in the initial process.
3-Using art media (listed in supplies) students will design a book cover along with end pages for their bear book art project.