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Kenai's Korner

Kenai has been very busy visiting schools in Vero Beach, Florida. She was excited to hear that the third graders were reading about the 1925 Serum Run, Balto, and Togo. As an Alaskan husky, she was able to show off and share what makes her breed so well adapted for long distance sled dog racing.

Her only regret was that she did not have the warm undercoat to show the kids, unlike her relatives that live in cold weather climates, so she suggested that they use the Iditarod website to check out calendar quality Alaskan huskies!

Above: Kenai after a long day at school.

✧ Arctic Days ✧

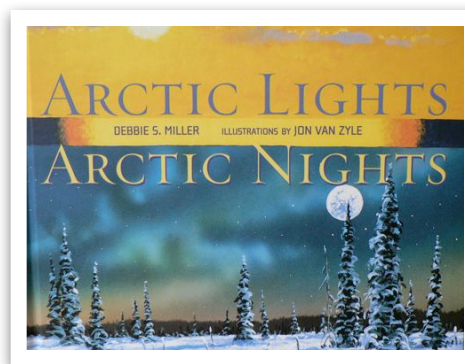
As the days get shorter and the nights longer, think about how this affects the arctic? The book Arctic Lights: Arctic Nights by Debbie S. Miller with Illustrations by Jon Van Zyle, tells the story as the months tick by in the arctic. The story highlights the twenty-first of each month by showing what could be happening in the arctic, shares the amount of daylight, and the average temperatures. It's a journey like no other and is the focus of a new lesson found on the Iditarod website. Check it out!

WHAT DO THE DAYS LOOK LIKE IN YOUR AREA?

Is it dark when you get up in the morning? What time does the sunrise where you live? What time does it set? What does it mean when people say that the days are getting shorter?

In Vero Beach, Florida, it is dark when we get up at 6:15 a.m. This is the time when my family begins to get ready for school. It is also the time when Kenai is ready to go outside (if you know what I mean). The sunrise is about 7:20 a.m. and

it sets about 6:50 p.m. each day, but it is rising and setting earlier each day now (about a minute difference each day).



Check out the sunrise and sunset times around the country at http://www.sunrisesunset.com/custom_srss_calendar.asp.

Daylight Savings Time is just around the corner - What is it? How does it affect the length of the day?