



# ANTS Newsletter Fall 2019



4th grade students from Miles Ave Elementary after finishing their sit-spot journal entries.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! Programs are finally slowing down for us at the Audubon Center. About four weeks ago we wrapped up a VERY busy fall ANTS field trip season. Now we are in the midst of our winter class visits. Here's a little glimpse into what your students experienced this fall on their field trip:



Both 4th and 5th graders began the day using their senses to explore our juniper forest and came back with a story to share with the group. For the rest of the day, 4th graders focused on native plants - including their traditional uses and important plants of our area. They received a journal upon arrival, which they filled with sketches, descriptions, and names of local plants. Afterwards, students explored the concept of habitat degradation, and how both natural disasters and humans can negatively impact a species' habitat. We then trekked over to the Yellowstone river, where the

students picked out their own "sit spots" (which they will revisit in the spring). From there, they journaled about seasonal and sensory observations around them. Here is one such journal entry:

*"Grass is dead, people are around,  
Nothing but silence when you're on the ground.  
Sitting up like baby birds, ready to eat baby worms.  
Come on and play in silence today,  
For we are in our sit-spot now."*

