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If You Really Love Polar Bears...

A Making Books Sing educational performance

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CAST

Roly Poly Bear (person)

Announcer (person- Off stage voice spoken by actor playing Patchy)

Patchy Blair (puppet)

Professor (puppet)

Polar Bear (person)

(PATCHY is “backstage” at the Roly Poly Bear show preparing to receive an award of The Polar Bears’ Biggest Fan. We hear him warming up his voice with polar bear tongue twisters- *if there is no “backstage”, actor can have their back to the audience with Patchy out of sight.*)

Polar Bear picked a pack of pickled icebergs
A pack of pickled iceberg, polar bear picked
If polar bear picked a pack of pickled icebergs
How many pickled icebergs did polar bear pick

Pickled iceberg...what are pickled icebergs? Wouldn't he rather have a pickled seal?
Wait...I think I hear the studio audience. Maybe I'll just take a little peek and see who came to see me on the show today.

(Patchy pokes his head out and GASPS...)

PATCHY

(Fearful)

Studio audience...

(Patchy retreats backstage again.)

PATCHY

I didn't think there would be so many people.

(Patchy pokes his head out a second time)

PATCHY

AH! They're still there!

(Retreats again.)

PATCHY

Get a hold of yourself, Patchy! These people are here to support you...

(Pokes head out third time.)

PATCHY

(Timidly...at first)

Hi! Are you guys here because you love polar bears? I LOVE POLAR BEARS TOO! My name is Patchy Blair! I was invited to be on the Roly Poly Bear Show today because they're giving me an award for The Polar Bears' Biggest Fan! They sent out a test all about polar bear facts and I was the only person who answered every single question correctly...therefore, I am officially the polar bears biggest fan! All my life I've waited for this moment and it's finally here. That polar bear crown is MINE! Brace yourselves people because in a few minutes you are going to witness me win the title of Polar Bears' Biggest Fan on national television!

(Guitar begins to play)

Oh...the show is about to start! I better get back to my dressing room. See you again real soon!

(Leaves the stage)

ANNOUNCER

(Cliché announcer voice)

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to the Roly Poly Bear Show! Roly Poly Bear is about to come out but he needs to hear this crowd ROAR!!! Can I get a "Holy Moly Roly Poly" (Crowd repeats)

Oh come on now...I could BEARLY hear you. Can I get another "Holy Moly Roly Poly" (Crowd repeats)

That was more like it! Well folks, you saw him do the Roly Poly jive on Dancing with the Stars and you love him every week right here on the Roly Poly Bear show...please put your paws together because live from (**enter name of site**) it's ROLY POLY BEAR!

(RP comes out doing the Roly Poly jive)

(SONG)

Do the Roly Poly to the North Pole, North Pole, North Pole, North Pole
Do the Roly Poly to the South Pole, South Pole, South Pole, South Pole

Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, Mahattan
What is left, well that leaves Staten ISLAND!

And what borough are we in right now bear cubs?

(Crowd enthusiastically yells out the name of the borough)

That's right!

(Checks watch and holds up Paws)

PAUSE!

(Grabs his molar in pain)

ROLY POLY BEAR
(SONG)

I'm a Roly Poly Bear, on my polar skates
Holy moly, is it swollen oh my molar aches
Cause I bit into a wheel
Cause I thought it was a seal

(holds up large photograph of bear holding wheel)

See! Not cool!

Oh, the people they don't realize what they're doing
But they're messing up the water and it's ruined
Cause they're throwing out their waste
I don't like the way it tastes
Holy moly this pollution is such a disgrace....
OUCH!
Holy moly, my poor bear face.

Pollution is no joke, kids! How would you like to find a wheel in your meal? Blah!
(Looks at watch and holds up his paws) PAUSE!

We have a lot of fun planned for today's show, kids. Today we are announcing the winner of the Polar Bears' Biggest Fan competition. We searched "*This way and that, this way and that way for the Polar Bears' Biggest Fan.*" **Repeat**

And we finally found him. This little kid is a walking polar bear encyclopedia. He knows so much about polar bears, he tells them things they didn't even know about themselves! Without further ado, let's bring the clever cub out here. Put your paws together for Patchy Blair!

(Patchy comes out dancing while RP plays entrance song)

ROLY POLY BEAR

Welcome to the show, Patchy!

PATCHY

I can't believe I'm really here! I've been waiting all my life to meet you. Can I give you a big bear hug? Can you give me my crown?

ROLY POLY BEAR

Sure, kid. Here a hug, the crown comes later.

(They hug)

As you know, we interviewed thousands of kids all over the country to see who knew the most facts about polar bears, and you, Patchy, hit it out of the park, blew us away, passed with shining colors, knocked our socks off...

PATCHY

(To audience)

Basically I rule!

ROLY POLY BEAR

Before we crown you as the Polar Bears' Biggest Fan, I want to play one more game. I need three volunteers from the studio audience to come and join me on stage. Here are the rules...I will read off a Bear Fact, and you kids will have to guess whether it truly is a fact about bears...otherwise known as a Bear Fact! If you think that statement is correct, put up your claws—correct claws. If you think it's preposterously false, put up your paws—preposterously false paws. You in the audience can play along too! Patchy will announce the correct answer.

(Three helpers and the audience are shown two distinct hand gesture pairings for claws and paws)

ROLY POLY BEAR

I have a lot of bear facts here folks....where should I begin?

(SONG)

This one or that one

This one or that one

There is so much to be learned

My first fact is...mama polar bears usually give birth to twin babies.

What do you think, folks? If you think that statement is true, put up your claws. If you think it's false, put up your paws.

(Kids guess and Roly Poly always refers to Patchy for final answers.)

PATCHY

CLAWS! That's correct!

ROLY POLY BEAR

You got it! Most polar bear mothers DO give birth to twins. In fact, here is a picture of me and my twin brother, Ralphy. Sometimes they have triplets, but that's a little rarer.

(Holds up a picture of two baby bears)

ROLY POLY BEAR

Next fact...new born baby polar bears weigh only 1 pound. Show me your claws if you think that's correct and true. If you think it's preposterously false, paws will do.

(Audience answers)

PATCHY

Claws again! That's correct too! They're real tiny.

ROLY POLY BEAR

Great job! You are on a roll...a Roly Poly Roll! Even though we're born weighing only one pound, a full grown male polar bear can weigh up to 1,600 pounds and stand 10 feet tall. Here is a tricky one...polar bears have white fur and webbed front paws.

Paws or claws, folks?

PATCHY

Hmm...I'm aware that you're trying to pull the fur over my eyes, but I watch your show everyday and therefore my answer is...Paws...AND Claws! Your fur appears to be white, but it's actually made up of colorless hollow tubes that absorb the sunlight and keep your bodies warm. In fact, when resting in the snow, your body temperature reaches a cozy 98 degrees. The skin under your fur is black, like your nose and paw pads. As far as your paws go, the front ones are slightly webbed like a duck so that you can swim fast and strong. It's also helpful on the ice because your big paws act like snowshoes and keep you from slipping. When the ice gets really thin, you flatten your bodies and pull yourselves along on your big polar bellies.

ROLY POLY BEAR

Impressive as usual, Patch, and great job to you too kids! Let's thank our audience contestants for playing. Can I get a few more helpers to join me on the stage for another game?

(Three new kids come up.)

Let's pause for a second and learn more about our paws! It's true our paws are slightly webbed for swimming. Can I see all of you hold up your webbed paws? Now swim!

(Demonstrates a swimming motion)

To help us walk across deep snow and ice, we spread our paws wide and use the grooves and crevices on our pads to keep us from slipping...like snowshoes. Can I see you all hold up your snowshoes? Now walk!

(Demonstrates a walking motion)

Finally, when the ice is getting thin, we flop down onto our big polar bellies to evenly distribute our weight, and pull ourselves across the ice. Everyone rub your big polar bear bellies...now imagine flopping down on the ice and...PULL polar bears, PULL polar bears PULL, PULL polar bears, PULL polar bears, PULL.

(Demonstrates a sliding/pulling motion)

Now let's review in a song.

(SONG- with motions, sung twice)

I've got webbed paws for swimming
I've got snowshoes for walking
When the frozen ice is thinning on my belly I'll be flopping

ROLY POLY BEAR

Thanks for helping kids. All this singing has made my molar ache. I gotta go get this fixed because I'm having my favorite meal for dinner tonight, Seal Parmesan! But before I go I need to award you, Patchy, the title of the Polar Bears' Biggest Fan. You have truly demonstrated passion and expertise about our favorite ice bear.

PATCHY

Wait! Before you crown me, I'd like to award YOU with a special gift that displays how I feel about polar bears. I give you permission to put this in a classy frame and hang it up for everyone to see.

(Pulls out poster board 1. It is covered with many pictures of Patchy and his polar bear toys. Written across the top are the words: POLAR BEARS' BIGGEST FAN)

PATCHY

These are a few photos that show my daily activities—all of them display just how much I love my bears. Here's me taking one of my daily 3-hour polar bear showers. Here is one of me sleeping with my TV on all night playing my favorite polar bear cartoons! This is my screen saver of a ferocious polar bear. I keep my computer on all day while I'm at school. Here is me playing in front of the air conditioner. I run my air conditioner on high all day long so that my room feels like the Arctic. And finally, here's me playing polar bears in the freezer.

ROLY POLY BEAR

Wait a second a kid...what is all this? Are these really your habits?

PATCHY

They sure are. Alright, Roly Poly Bear, I am ready for my polar bear crown. (Pause) Why do you look so upset?

ROLY POLY BEAR

Your habits waste so much energy. That is not good for polar bears.

PATCHY

What are you talking about? Polar bears have lots of energy. They run, they play, they hunt. They're having a blast.

ROLY POLY BEAR

Actually, kid, they're having a really hard time. I can't believe you don't know that. I'm afraid I can't give you the crown, kid. This crown is for someone who really loves polar bears, and based on what I see here, that's not you. Believe me, I really wanted it to be you, but I just don't think you're ready. This show is over...

(Roly Poly Bear leaves the stage.)

PATCHY

Wait...Roly Poly Bear! Come back. I need that crown! I AM the polar bears' biggest fan! Come back.

(To audience)

What happened?

(SONG)

PATCHY

I can't believe I didn't get that crown today
It was almost on my head but then he took it away
This really isn't fair
Because I love the polar bear
But Roly Poly had such a serious glare
He really doesn't think that I care

(Professor (*puppet*) suddenly appears, frightening Patchy)

PROFESSOR

THAT'S ENOUGH!

PATCHY

Oh my gosh, it's a floaty bear head!

PROFESSOR

That's Professor to you, my little son
You think you deserve the crown but your work has just begun
I care about the bears and what we're going through
You say you've done this work for us, but all I see is you

PATCHY

This project IS about polar bears, and how much I love them and how I'm their biggest fan.

PROFESSOR

You claim to be their biggest fan
You play and have a blast
But did you know these bears need help
Their ice is melting fast

It's up to you to learn the truth
And help these creatures last
So let's go on a journey
Starting with the Arctic PAST

(To the Audience)

PATCHY

There is nothing about polar bears that I don't already know, but if going on this journey helps me get my crown, I'll do it! You say the ice is melting...prove it!

PROFESSOR

You'll be surprised to learn the truth about your favorite bear
You may think you are their biggest fan but I have much to share

Come and give this a try
Spread your arms out wide and fly

PATCHY

Will all of you please come with me on this journey? Spread your arms out and fly with us! Repeat after me: "Fly Polar Bear, Fly Polar, Fly!"

(Professor and Patchy do a motion signaling their departure. They begin to fly over the earth towards the Arctic Past.)

PATCHY

Wow...is that the Arctic below? Look at all that ice...and it's not melting. Those blue glaciers and icebergs are sparkling in the sun. It's so bright and blinding...and ICY!

(They continue to fly.)

PATCHY

Look at all those animals playing in the snow! There are seals, Arctic foxes...walruses and POLAR BEARS!!! Look Professor, real live polar bears!

PROFESSOR

This is the Arctic of the past

You see how much it's thriving
Snow for days and ice so thick
No wonder they're surviving

(They land and see a Polar Bear who is singing)

POLAR BEAR
(SONG)

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10...how I love all the ice in my polar bear den...1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10...

(Notices Professor and Patchy)

POLAR BEAR

The Icebear cometh! Hello, Professor. And you must be Patchy, and I see you brought all your friends! Welcome to my home.

(SONG)

Look around and all you see is ice
And let me give you just a little advice
Grab a plate of food
Cause there's plenty, dude
And you don't have to pay a price
Cause look around and all you see is ice

Patchy: I told you so.
Patchy: What is it?

Patchy: Gee, thanks!
Patchy: I know, right?

POLAR BEAR

Welcome to my home. You've had a long journey. Can I offer you something to eat... a snow cone maybe...or how about a mouth-watering ice-burger?

PATCHY

Wow...it's really cold here because there is so much ice!

POLAR BEAR

This is the Arctic, son! We love all the snow and ice. In fact, we need it to survive.

(Starts to laugh and points out to the distance.)

There's my twin brother...he just got back from hunting seal meals. Looks like he did a fine job! How many did he catch?

(SONG)

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10...bring those seal meals back to our polar bear den.
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10...I'll eat those seals for desert and for breakfast again...lalalala

PATCHY

Bear fact! I know how polar bears hunt for seals. You find a breathing hole in the ice and wait patiently for a seal to emerge. Sometimes you wait for days, and when a seal comes up for air....chomp. I'm you're biggest fan. (Looks smugly at FBH)

POLAR BEAR

That's right. We need to eat a lot of food in order to keep this thick layer of fat on our bodies.

PATCHY

That helps to maintain your body temperature...that's another bear fact.

(Quickly notices a fox darting across the snow-*fox imaginary to audience*)

Whoa! Did you just see that arctic fox! Awesome! They're so lucky because they get to follow polar bears around all day and feed off of your scraps. They also adapt to their environment by changing the color of their furry coats. In the winter, their fur turns white so they blend into the snow, and in the summer it turns brown.

POLAR BEAR

Better stay in the den where you're safe, Patchy. Here comes a mama polar bear and her cub. She gets really angry if someone comes between them.

(Mama bear imaginary to audience)

PATCHY

Oh, I know! Female polar bears have a reputation of being very protective of their cubs, but that's because they love them so much. Aw...look at how they're cuddling. That's why I love polar bears...they can be the most ferocious, and the most snuggly.

PROFESSOR

I am impressed by all your facts
And all you have to say
But reminder, this is Arctic past
It's not like this today

It's time for us to leave the past
A time that was so pleasant
It's boys like you who need to view
The truth of Arctic present

POLAR BEAR
(SONG)

Nice to see you please come again
Professor and my new friends
I'm a healthy bear with plenty to share
In my big fat beautiful den

Nice to meet you please come again

PROFESSOR

I know it's hard to leave right now
This visit was so sweet
I'm sure you'll see the difference
In the next polar bear we meet

PATCHY

(To audience)
Time to fly again, folks! Spread your arms and repeat after me! "Fly polar bear, fly polar, fly!"

(Professor and Patchy fly off)

PATCHY

Whoa...where are we?

PROFESSOR

We are in the Arctic
The Arctic of today
As you see it is quite different
In a very serious way

PATCHY

Whoa...where is all the ice...what is all that dark, deep water...? The snow has all melted away, just like you said, and I can't see any animals...anywhere. It's like the polar bear past and the polar bear present are polar opposites. Can we still visit Polar Bear in his big fat beautiful den?

PROFESSOR

A lot has changed here, Patchy
A lot has gone away
But let us visit Polar Bear
Who is still here today

(We see Polar Bear arranging buckets in his den...singing angrily.)

POLAR BEAR

(SONG)

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10...that's the tenth time that leak has started leaking in my den.
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10...I'm so hungry, when am I going to eat again.

PATCHY

Polar Bear! It's me Patchy and Professor. What's happened to your den? It's not fat and beautiful like the last time I saw it...it's all melted. Aren't you going to sing us your happy welcome song, or at least offer us a snow cone or a mouthwatering ice-burger?

POLAR BEAR

Stop...you're making me hungry. I have no happy song to sing and there's no snow to make a cone. There is simply not enough food. Patchy, it's been months since I had my last meal.

PATCHY

Bear fact! Polar bears hunt for seals in breathing holes in the ice. Now that the ice has all melted...how do they hunt? They're not fast enough to hunt seals in the open water.

POLAR BEAR

You're right. We can't hunt in the open water because we need ice to stand on in order to catch our food. Now polar bears have to swim 100s of miles at a time in search for ice. Without food to give us energy, swimming these long distances is nearly impossible. Many have failed. Now do you understand why I'm not singing a happy bear song?

PATCHY

Yes. I understand now. How could I have claimed to be the polar bears' biggest fan and not have known that you were in trouble? No wonder why I didn't win the crown. Professor, this is unbearable! Can we please leave this place? I can't stand to see Polar Bear so sad. Take me to the Arctic future so I can see that everything turns out alright for him.

PROFESSOR

Oh, my little Patchy
And your hopeful attitude
If we go to the future
It just might hurt your mood

The reason I'm so hesitant
To leave and take you there
Is because out in the future
You won't find a polar bear

PATCHY

Why not?

PROFESSOR

You won't see any polar bears
Because they're on the brink
Of becoming one more animal
That soon will be extinct

PATCHY

Professor...I know polar bear is a little down on his luck, but it's not nice to say he stinks!

PROFESSOR

Not stinks...extinct!

POLAR BEAR

Help me out, people! Put your paws together. Slap, slap, clap. Slap, slap, clap.

(Polar Bear begins a slap/clap rhythm and teaches it to the audience)

(RAP)

Extinct means that the polar bears
Won't hunt or swim or roar
Extinct means that the polar bears
Will not exist anymore

PATCHY

A world without any polar bears
I just don't understand
What happened to make
All these changes in their land

PROFESSOR

The world is getting warmer
It affects us polar bears
Our habitat is changing
And we were not prepared
To live without the ice and snow
That we need to survive
It's up to you to help the earth
So we bears stay alive

PATCHY

If I ever find the person responsible for this, I will give him a piece of my mind! Tell me his name, Professor. Who is making the earth so warm for bears and walruses, seals and foxes?

PROFESSOR

Oh Patchy, I have news for you
There's so many to blame
I know one person on the list

And Patchy....is his name

PATCHY

What? Me?

POLAR BEAR

Dude, I know you didn't mean any harm. But your wasteful habits affect my habitat and contribute to climate change.

PATCHY

Climate change? You mean I'm making the world get warmer? But, I run my air conditioner all day long...that's gotta help cool things down a bit.

POLAR BEAR

Just the opposite. Turns out you have a very big carbon footprint

PATCHY

Big footprint? But I wear a size 3!

POLAR BEAR

Not the size of your shoe, the impact your activities have on the environment and especially on climate change! Let me lay this out for you real simple. The ice in the Arctic is melting because of climate change. Climate change is the result of humans' wasteful habits. You are a human who has wasteful habits...therefore, you, Patchy, are a major contributor to all this melting ice.

PATCHY

My habits are wasteful?

POLAR BEAR

Let's try something that might help you understand. I am going to calculate your impact on the environment based on your daily activities. But first, I need some help from the audience. Can I have three volunteers to help me explain this to Patchy?

(Three kids come up on stage.)

Okay Patchy, I will ask you a series of questions and based on your answers we will be able to tell you exactly how much you have contributed to climate change. These three children will represent the icebergs in the Arctic. Every time one of your daily habits is wasteful, they will melt a little. Here we go...do you take a long shower everyday?

PATCHY

Of course! Every morning I wake up extra early so I can take my 3-hour long shower and play with my polar bear toys. Sometimes I take another one before bed!

(Polar Bear instructs children to melt a little)

POLAR BEAR

When you leave the house, do you make sure to turn off all the lights, television, computer and air conditioner?

PATCHY

Of course I...don't. I like to keep my room cold all day long just like the Arctic. My polar bear cartoons and screen savers keep my stuffed animals company while I'm at school, and they need the lights on so they don't get scared while I'm gone.

(Polar Bear instructs children to melt a little more)

POLAR BEAR

Do you bring your own shopping bags with you to the market?

PATCHY

Why would I do that...they give you a new one every time you shop! What do these questions have to do with polar bears!?

(Polar Bear instructs children to melt a little more)

POLAR BEAR

It will all make sense to you soon enough. Moving on...do you recycle?

PATCHY

What's that...some kind of new bicycle?

(Polar Bear instructs children to melt a little more)

POLAR BEAR

I'll take that as a no.

(Polar Bear refers to the ice-children who are completely melted at this point.)

Unfortunately, Patchy, based on all this melted ice it seems you are a major contributor to climate change. You claim to be the polar bears biggest fan, but your actions say you're an ice-melter, and without ice, polar bears can't eat. Do these questions make sense to you now?

(Kids return to their seats)

PATCHY

Sort of...but I don't understand how something I do in my bedroom can melt the ice all the way in the Arctic.

POLAR BEAR

3-hour long showers; leaving your TV, computer, air conditioner and lights on all day; not recycling or reusing your shopping bag...Patchy, all of these habits are wasteful and they contribute to the greenhouse effect.

PATCHY

Now you lost me...the Greenhouse effect?

POLAR BEAR PAST:

Let's talk about it this way...the greenhouse effect is meant to help us, but something has gone terribly wrong. It's sort of like the earth is wearing a nice cozy hat that keeps it warm so humans can live here. This hat is made up of gases which are released in the air when energy is used. You can't see it, but every time a person uses electricity, greenhouse gases are released into the atmosphere. Here is the problem, the world's population has gotten much bigger—7 billion people call this planet home! With all these people living here, it takes a lot of energy to keep this world running. All that energy is creating more and more greenhouse gases, and that cozy hat is now way too warm. So warm, it's melting the icebergs. The climate has changed...that's why they call it climate change!

PATCHY

So when I use up energy, it means gases are going up in the air making the earth's hat thicker and warmer? The more energy I use, the more gases are released, and the more the polar bears' habitat is ruined?

(SONG)

I don't want to melt the ice
That's obviously not very nice
Now I know the things I do
Are hurting you

And you shouldn't have to pay the price
I don't want to melt the ice

PB: Well you are!
PB: No duh!

PB: I'm broke!
PB: He's got it!

Does that mean if I use less energy the ice will stop melting...and I can get my crown?

(PB and Professor give Patchy a look)

PATCHY

I'm just curious!

POLAR BEAR

You got it, Patchy. Using less energy is one way to help stop climate change, but it's not just you, we all have to make these changes. You need to spread the word.

PATCHY

I can do that! Maybe Roly Poly Bear will let me come back on the show and talk about all the new information I've learned...and then give me my crown. Just kidding about the

crown...I don't care about the crown...it's just a...beautiful crown. I thought I knew everything about polar bears, but boy was I wrong...I have so much more to learn.

POLAR BEAR

I believe in you, Patchy!

PATCHY

Goodbye polar bear! I am now Superhero Patchy fighting CLIMATE CHANGE! I am certain that I will see you and your friends in the future! "Fly polar bear, fly polar bear, fly!"

(Patchy hums superhero theme song as Professor and Patchy fly off.)

ANNOUNCER

Ladies and Gentlemen, once again, live from (name of site) it's the Roly Poly Bear Show! Last week you saw him as a guest judge on American Idol, and now he's back to entertain his favorite friends...you! Put your paws together for Roly Poly Bear!

ROLY POLY BEAR

I'm a Roly Poly Bear with a heart of gold
My molar doesn't hurt because I got it pulled
I'm so excited about the show
So I can tell you what I know
Global warming and pollution are the things that gotta go
So we can have more ice and snow!

I'm so glad to see you again, friends. It's been two weeks since our last show when we were about to crown Patchy as the Polar Bears' Biggest Fan. I felt real bad that I couldn't give him the crown, but a true fan would have known what the polar bears are going through.

PATCHY

(bursting in humming superhero theme song)
Roly Poly Bear, this is superhero Patchy fighting climate change for all polar bears.

ROLY POLY BEAR

Kid? What are you doing here? How did you get on the set? We're on the air.

PATCHY

I've been on an amazing journey and I met a Professor and a real polar bear and they taught me that my habits are affecting their habitats and melting all their ice. I was an ice melter! No wonder why you didn't give me that crown. But I've changed! When I got home, I immediately started making better choices. I stopped running my computer, TV and air conditioner all day long in order to conserve energy. I took shorter showers in order to conserve water...and I always make sure the freezer door is shut nice and tight. I started a recycling club at my school. I also redid my project about how global warming

is affecting polar bears. I was a hit, and I'm here to share with the studio audience my favorite kind of bear fact...an I-truly-care-fact!

(Patchy poster board 2 with pictures of the greenhouse effect, polar bears and tips on how to conserve energy.)

ROLY POLY BEAR

I'll give you one more shot kid. Take it away.

PATCHY

So, it's almost like the earth has on a big hat, and that hat is made of something called greenhouse gases. When those gasses build up, it makes the hat really heavy and it traps in all of the heat, making the earth REALLY hot. This heat is melting all the ice in the Arctic and that's why polar bears are suffering. In fact, my friend Polar Bear told me that he hasn't eaten in months because there is no ice to hunt for his favorite meal, Seal Parmesan! Even though we can't have a polar bear as a pet, there is still so much we can do to take care of them.

Catch a snowflake if you turn off all lights when you're not using them.

Catch a snowflake if you take short showers instead of long showers or baths.

Catch a another big flake if you turn off and or unplug all electrical devices when you're not using them.

Grab another snowflake if you recycle all glass, paper and plastic so it can be reused.

The final snowflake is yours if you car pool or take public transportation whenever possible.

Now take all those good habit snowflakes and mash them into a giant good habit snowball. If you promise to keep up with your good habits, throw your snowball into the future! (Roly Poly and Patchy dodge snowballs.)

ROLY POLY BEAR

You get it, kid. You finally get it. I think I have something that belongs to you. (RPB pulls out the crown and places it on Patchy's head.) Patchy Blair, I now crown you the Polar Bears Biggest Fan. Thank you for all that you do for us bears.

PATCHY

Oh...thank you. First off, I'd like to thank Roly Poly Bear for this opportunity, and Professor and Polar Bear, my mom and dad, of course...but most of all, I want to thank all of you who were able to make a good habit snowball...because I can't save the polar bears all on my own...we all have to help. If you really love polar bears, you'll keep up your good habits, and then we can all share the title of The Polar Bear's Biggest Fan...but I'm keeping the crown.

PATCHY

Everyone raise your right paw and repeat after me:
Now that I am more aware,

I swear to help the polar bears.

(FINAL SONG)

(Polar Bear and Patchy all sing together)

Now you have become more aware
About the earth and the polar bear
You watched Patchy learn
Now it's your turn
To show the world that you care
Now you have become more aware

THE END