**SNOW FACTS**

Did you know that...

… snowflakes form by water freezing to dust particles in clouds.
… the ice crystals in the clouds grow and fall when they get large and heavy enough.
… snowflakes start out as 6-sided shapes, or hexagonals.
… after thawing and freezing, snowflakes change shape and metamorphose into “hoar” crystals.
… snow on lake or sea ice protects the ice from melting.
… snow protects tundra plants from getting too cold in the winter.
… snow provides insulation for animals living under the snow, like lemmings and insects.
… caribou have large, wide hooves to help them travel on snow.

Go outside and find a snowflake!
Draw a picture of your snowflake below.
How many sides does it have?

**CAN YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION?**

What is the Iñupiaq name for the snow knives that are used to make snow shelters?
**Panak or Saviuraqtuun**

Email Leslie.Pierce@north-slope.org with your answer. First person with correct answer will be acknowledged on our website!

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