

Green River Co-Op Preschool
5 DAY PROGRAM – DECEMBER
CLASS NEWS



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Show & Tell

Please have your child bring an unbreakable item for Show & Tell on the assigned dates. Keep in mind that we cannot have live animals in the preschool or any items that could potentially harm someone.

Dec. 3 & 4 - Letter "W" Show & Tell. Bring something that starts with the letter "W".

Dec. 10 & 11 - Letter "F" Show & Tell. Bring something that starts with the letter "F".

- **Board Meeting** – Wednesday, December 2nd at 4:00
- **Fire Drill** – Thursday, December 3rd and Friday, December 4th.
- **Book Exchange** – We will be having a book exchange during our Christmas parties this year. Please bring a wrapped book to the preschool by **Friday, December 11th**. Please write on the wrapped book who the book is from to ensure your child won't get their own book back. We mix all four classes of books together, so you might not see the book you gave in your child's class. Please try to purchase a book for around \$5.00. If you are unable to provide a book, please let a teacher know.

A special thank you to our board members for helping schedule, organize, and maintain our annual book fair. The preschool will use book fair profits to buy each preschooler a book for Christmas.

- **Christmas Parties** – Class Christmas Parties will be on Wednesday, December 16th and Thursday,

December 17th. All students are invited to wear pajamas to school and bring a small pillow and/or blanket to class. The class times will be shortened by half hour on this day. The morning party will be from 9:30-11:20. The afternoon class will be from 12:10-2:00. We will be posting a party supply sign-up sheet via SignUpGenius to our Facebook page. We appreciate all your support in helping us provide class parties. Just a reminder that we are not allowed to have additional adults in the facility during class time, as we have done in the past. We will be sure to post pictures of our party to our Facebook page.

- **Service Project** – Our "Sweets for Seniors" service project is going well! We will continue collecting treats through December 11th and students will spend some class time making cards to attach to each sweet. We will deliver the goodies to GHSC the following week and they will be delivered to the senior citizens on December 22nd.
- **Bi-Annual Deep Cleaning Day** – The preschool board and teachers will be deep cleaning the preschool on Friday, December 18th, beginning at 9:00 AM. The preschool is cleaned daily and weekly, but twice a year we do major cleaning. We are asking parents to volunteer some time on this day. If you can help, please let a teacher or board member know. Thanks for your help with this project!!
- **Christmas Break** – The preschool will be closed December 19th-January 3rd for Christmas Break. School will resume on Monday, January 4th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Miss Kami, Miss Krista, Miss Sarah, & Miss Lisa

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOM?

Themes

- Nov. 30-Dec. 4 Seasons Change
- Dec. 7-11 I Love Animals
- Dec. 14-18 Animals We Know

Playhouse Themes

- Santa's Workshop

Language and Literacy

- Listening and responding to stories read aloud
- Participating in finger plays
- Taking turns speaking in a group
- All About Me Pages
- Laminate Names
- Writing letters: W, F, A
- Writing our names
- Writing numerals 1-5
- Letter Hunts
- Letter Character Books
- Show and Tell

Math Skills

- Number stories and songs
- Calendar – patterns, counting, number identification
- Recognizing and identifying shapes
- Focus on numeral 5
- Unifix Cubes for grouping
- Roll-a-Reindeer Game
- Animal Tangrams

Physical Development-Fine Motor

- Using markers and/or other writing utensils
- Painting
- Puzzles
- Play dough
- Building Blocks
- Lacing
- Begin Cutting Folders
- Train Tracks
- Sand and Water/Sensory Table
- Using musical instruments

Physical Development-Gross Motor

- Various Circle Action Games
- Tumbling
- Using musical instruments

Social and Emotional Development

- Classroom Rules
- Group games
- Practice taking turns
- Sharing and getting along with others
- Singing Songs
- Playhouse
- Following 1 & 2 step directions

Science and Social Studies

- Building Blocks
- Observation of weather changes
- Traits of changing seasons
- Begin discussing animal similarities and differences
- Christmas themes and ideas
- Christmas Cards for Seniors

Creative Arts

- Circle Action Games
- Dramatic Play-Playhouse
- Art Projects
 - "W" Weather
 - "W" Whale
 - Christmas Trailer
 - Snow Globe
 - Elf Christmas Bag
 - "F" Frog
 - "F" Fish
 - Reindeer Ornament
 - Grinch Art
 - Gingerbread Man + questions
 - Reindeer Headband
 - "A" Alligator
 - "A" Apple with Ants
 - Jingle Bell Necklace
 - Elf on the Shelf Art
 - Reindeer Stick Puppet

