

# Green River Co-Op Preschool

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

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

- **Board Meeting** – Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00
- **Fire Drill** – Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **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 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Bi-Annual Deep Cleaning Day** – The preschool board and teachers will be deep cleaning the preschool on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>-January 3<sup>rd</sup> for Christmas Break. School will resume on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Miss Kami, 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
- 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
- Lacing
- Play dough
- Building Blocks
- 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
  - Christmas Trailer
  - Elf Christmas Bag
  - "F" Frog
  - Reindeer Ornament
  - Grinch Art
  - Reindeer Headband
  - "A" Alligator
  - Jingle Bell Necklace
  - Elf on the Shelf Art

