

Green River Co-Op Preschool
2 DAY PROGRAM - JANUARY
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.

Jan. 5 - Letter "Z" Show & Tell. Bring something that starts with the letter "Z".

Jan. 12 - Letter "B" Show & Tell. Bring something that starts with the letter "B".

Jan. 19 - Letter "M" Show & Tell. Bring something that starts with the letter "M".

Jan. 26 - Letter "R" Show & Tell. Bring something that starts with the letter "R".

- **Board Meeting** – Thursday, January 5th at 4:00
- **Fire Drill** – Thursday, January 12th
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** – The preschool will be closed on Monday, January 16th and Tuesday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- **Writing Names** – Please provide opportunities at home to help your child practice writing their name. A good technique for children who aren't quite ready to tackle their name independently is to write the child's name with a highlighter and have them trace it. Remind them to begin their name with a capital letter and complete the rest of their name with lowercase letters. Encourage them to use the correct grip and continue practicing to improve. We practice name writing each day at school, so they should be familiar with the process.

- **Weapons Play**- In accordance with Green River Co-op Preschool Bylaws, ARTICLE XIX WEAPONS AND VIOLENT PLAY POLICY, children must not pretend to play with weapons, or bring any weapons to school. This includes play weapons such as play swords, play guns, etc. If a child brings a weapon of any kind to school, licensing regulations require teachers to take the item and return it to parents. Please help your child to pick appropriate Show & Tell items to bring to school.
- **Thank You** – The teachers would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts that we received. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Also, a special thanks to all the board members, teachers, and parents who helped clean the preschool over the holidays.

Miss Kami, Miss Krista, & Miss Julianne

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOM?

Themes

- Jan. 3-6 Animals on Land and Sea
- Jan. 9-13 I Can Build
- Jan. 18-20 Build with Me
- Jan. 23- 27 Everybody Builds
- Jan. 30-Feb. 3 Country Life

Playhouse Themes

- Animal Hospital
- Construction Center
- Post Office (Shapes)

Language and Literacy

- Listening and responding to stories read aloud
- Participating in finger plays
- Taking turns speaking in a group
- Retell/sequence stories
- Laminate Names
- Writing our names
- Focus letters: Z, B, M, R, C
- Show and Tell
- Letter Character Books

Math Skills

- Number stories and songs
- Calendar – patterns, counting, number identification
- Recognizing and identifying shapes
- Focus on numeral 6

Physical Development-Fine Motor

- Using markers and/or other writing utensils
- Painting
- Puzzles
- Lacing
- Play dough
- Building/pattern blocks
- Cutting paper
- Train tracks
- Sand and Water/Sensory Table

Physical Development-Gross Motor

- Various circle action games
- Basketball Hoop

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 Animal Shelters
- Bee Bots-Animal Moms & Babies
- Sorting Animals
- Constructing Animal Bridges
- Winter themes

Creative Arts

- Circle action games
- Dramatic Play-Playhouse
- Art Projects
 - "Z" Zoo
 - Marshmallow Snowman
 - "B" Bee
 - Melted Snowman Art
 - Counting Mittens
 - "M" Mouse
 - "R" Robot
 - Snowman Wreath
 - "C" Cloud