

Green River Co-Op Preschool
5 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 & 6 - Letter "Z" Show & Tell. Bring something that starts with the letter "Z".

Jan. 12 & 13 - Letter "B" Show & Tell. Bring something that starts with the letter "B".

Jan. 19 & 20 - Letter "M" Show & Tell. Bring something that starts with the letter "M".

Jan. 26 & 27 - 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 and Friday, January 13th
- **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** – We will be sending home a laminated layout of your child's name. Please provide opportunities at home to help your child practice spelling and writing their name. Remind them to begin their name with a capital letter and complete the rest of their name with lowercase letters. They can use the included letter cards to practice spelling their name, and a dry erase marker to practice writing it on the layout. Encourage them to use the correct grip and continue practicing to improve. We have been practicing with these cards at school, so they will know what to do.

- **Growth & Development Observations** – This month Miss Kami will begin meeting individually with students to assess a number of preschool benchmarks. You will get a form with notes/observations of how your child is doing at preschool in March. We have tentatively scheduled a day (March 9th) for parents to come in and visit with teachers regarding your child's development. Look for more information to come as that day gets closer.
- **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 Lisa, & 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
- All About Me Pages
- Laminate Names
- Writing letters: Z, B, M, R, C
- Writing our names
- Writing numerals 1-6
- 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 6
- Shape Floor Tetris
- Catching Snowflakes Counting

Physical Development-Fine Motor

- Using markers and/or other writing utensils
- Painting
- Puzzles
- Lacing
- Play dough
- Building/pattern blocks
- Cutting Folders
- 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
- Continue discussing animal similarities and differences
- Constructing Animal Bridges
- 3 Little Pigs Building Activity
- Winter themes

Creative Arts

- Circle action games
- Dramatic Play-Playhouse
- Dramatic Play-Act out 3 Little Pigs
- Art Projects
 - "Z" Zoo
 - "Z" Zoom
 - Marshmallow Snowman
 - Newspaper Polar Bear
 - "B" Butterfly
 - "B" Bee
 - Dig Dog Dig Art
 - Melted Snowman Art
 - Counting Mittens
 - "M" Moon
 - "M" Mouse
 - Penguins Love Counting Art
 - "R" Rooster
 - "R" Robot
 - 3 Little Pig Houses
 - Snowman Wreath
 - Snowman with Mitten Heart
 - "C" Cat
 - "C" Cloud