Ineen River Co-Op Preschool 5 DAY PROGRAM – FEBRUARY CLASSNEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Board Meeting Tuesday, February 6th at 4:00.
- Fire Drill Thursday, February 8th and Friday, February 9th.
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser The preschool will be participating in a fundraising program during the weeks of February 5th – 23rd. Funds raised will go toward the purchase of supplies needed for the reminder of the year, spring caterpillars, technology updates, Circus Show supplies, and end of year/graduation gifts. Watch for additional notes to come home from our fundraising committee with more information. We appreciate your support!
- Valentine's Day Parties- Valentine's Day Parties will be on Tuesday, February 13th and Wednesday, February 14th. We will be on a shortened party-day schedule with morning classes running 9:30-11:25 and afternoon classes 12:05-2:00. We are attaching class lists so the children can bring valentines for each of their classmates. Please separate valentines for your child's Tuesday class and their Wednesday class, as they will hand them out on different days. We will pass out valentines during our class parties. You are welcome to send them in earlier if you like and we will store them until party day. The children will make valentine holders at school.
- No School The preschool will be closed on Monday, February 19th and Tuesday, February 20th in honor of Presidents' Day.
- Snacks There is a snack sign-up calendar on the wall, near the playhouse. If you are able to provide class snacks, please choose a day on the calendar and write in your child's name. During the month of January, our reserve snack supply was wiped out

and we have had to use some of our school supply budget to purchase snacks. Providing snacks helps keep the preschool's overhead costs down, allowing us to do some of the fun activities and projects we have planned. If you would rather not sign up for a particular day, but rather send in reserve snacks, that is also appreciated. We use reserve/leftover snacks on days that no one signs up.

- Managing Illness- We have been very fortunate this year in managing the spread of illness within the preschool. Thank you for keeping your children home when they are not feeling well, and keeping us informed of their situations. Please continue to monitor your children for symptoms of illness. As numbers of various illness in Sweetwater County rise during this time of year, it is crucial that we remain diligent in screening our little ones each day. Runny noses and coughs may seem minor, but prove difficult for preschoolers to manage. Please keep your children home if they are exhibiting symptoms such as fever, runny nose, cough, sore throat, stomach pain, vomiting, diarrhea, or other symptoms of discomfort. If you would like us to collect any projects for them on missed days, you are welcome to call or message us and we will get things together for your child.
- Art Project Box There is a box by the front door with art projects that need to be cut. If you can help by working on some projects, please take a package and sign your name to the list. This helps the teachers and is greatly appreciated.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Miss Kami, Miss Krista, Miss Lisa, & Miss Julianne

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOM?

<u>Themes</u>

- Jan. 29-Feb. 2 Country Life
- Feb. 5-9 Busy, Busy City
- Feb. 12-16 To Market, To Market
- Feb. 21-23 Move with Me
- Feb 26-March 1 Here We Go

Playhouse Themes

- Valentine Shape Post Office
- Dinosaur Cave
- Little Houses

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
- Writing letters: C, Q, V, J, H
- Writing our names
- Writing numerals 1-8
- Letter Hunts
- Letter Character Books
- Listening Center
- Recognition/matching of names while passing out valentines.

Math Skills

- Number stories and songs
- Calendar patterns, counting, number identification
- Recognizing and identifying shapes
- Focus on numeral 7, 8
- Dinosaur Tangrams
- Valentine Bingo
- Dr. Seuss Counting Stickers

Physical Development-Fine Motor

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

Physical Development-Gross Motor

- Various circle action games
- Scooter Boards
- Balance Beam
- Gross Motor Skills Center
- Dr. Seuss Ring Toss

Social and Emotional Development

- Classroom Rules
- Group games
- Practice taking turns
- Sharing and getting along with others
- Singing songs
- Playhouse
- Following multi-step directions

Science and Social Studies

- Fossil dough dinosaur print
- STEM-Design a Magnetic Marble Run
- Erupt a volcano
- Dinosaur themes
- Valentine's Day themes

Creative Arts

- Circle action games
- Dramatic Play-Playhouse
- Art Projects
 - Valentine Balloon Bouquet Bag
 - Valentine Hot Air Balloon Bag
 - o "Q" Quail
 - o "Q" Queen
 - Shape Mouse
 - o Valentine Sticker Book Counting
 - Valentine Tyrannosaurs Rex
 - o "V" Volcano
 - Valentine Necklace
 - Valentine Do-a-Dot
 - Heart Cut-Out Stamping
 - o "V" Vampire
 - Watercolor Dinosaur Art
 - o "J" Jet
 - o "J" Juggle
 - Open Mouth Dinosaur
 - "H" Haunted House
 - "H" Hot Dog
 - Counting Octopus
 - o Mr. Brown Can Moo Art