

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



IMPORTANT INFORMATION....

- **Board Meeting** – Tuesday, December 2nd at 4:00
 - **Fire Drill** – Thursday, December 4th and Friday, December 5th.
 - **Book Exchange** – We will be having a book exchange during our Christmas parties this year. Please bring a wrapped book to the preschool by **Monday, December 8th**. 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 three 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.

We do offer an option to purchase a wrapped gift book through the preschool. Purchase forms were sent home in November.
 - **Service Project** – Our "Preschoolers Pack the Pantry" service project was a success! Thank you to all that participated in helping feed families in need within our community.
 - **Christmas Break** – The preschool will be closed December 12th-January 4th for Christmas Break. School will resume on Monday, January 5th.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**
- Miss Kami, Miss Krista, Miss Lisa, & Miss Julianne
- **Christmas Parties** – Class Christmas Parties will be on Wednesday, December 10th and Thursday, December 11th. All students are invited to wear pajamas to school and bring a small pillow and/or blanket to class to use during our brief movie time. The class times will be shortened by half hour on this day. The morning class will be from 9:30-11:25. The afternoon class will be from 12:05-2:00. We will be posting a party supply sign-up sheet via Signup Genius to our Facebook page. We appreciate all your support in helping us provide class parties. We will be sure to post pictures of our party to our Facebook page.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOM?

Themes

- Dec. 1-5 I Love Animals
- Dec. 8-11 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: F, A
- Writing our names
- Writing numerals 1-5
- Letter Hunts
- Letter Character Books
- Listening Center

Math Skills

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

Physical Development-Fine Motor

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

Physical Development-Gross Motor

- Various Circle Action Games
- Using musical instruments
- Tumbling

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

- Observation of weather changes
- Traits of changing seasons
- Begin discussing animal similarities and differences
- Christmas themes and ideas

Creative Arts

- Circle Action Games
- Dramatic Play-Playhouse
- Art Projects
 - "F" Flag
 - "F" Frog
 - Yeti Gift Bag
 - Hot Chocolate Art
 - Reindeer Headband
 - "A" Alien
 - "A" Astronaut
 - Reindeer Door Hanger
 - Christmas Charm Necklace
 - Christmas Tree Party Hat