

Green River Co-Op Preschool **2 DAY PROGRAM – JANUARY CLASS NEWS**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION....

- **Board Meeting** – Tuesday, January 6th at 4:00
- **Fire Drill** – Thursday, January 15th
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** – The preschool will be closed on Monday, January 19th and Tuesday, January 20th 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. This month, we will begin tracing/practicing name writing each day at school, so they will become 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.
- **Snacks**- Our student snack supply is very low. Please remember you can sign up to provide snack for your child's class on the snack calendars near the playhouse. If you would rather not pick a particular day, you can just send in snacks for us to use whenever we have a day that no one signs

up. A few student favorites are fruit snacks, crackers, applesauce, yogurt, pretzels, and oranges. We appreciate all your help with snacks this year!

- **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.

Miss Kami, Miss Krista, & Miss Julianne

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOM?

Themes

- Jan. 5-9 Animals on Land and Sea
- Jan. 12-16 I Can Build
- Jan. 21-23 Build with Me
- Jan. 26- 30 Everybody Builds

Playhouse Themes

- Animal Hospital
- Construction Center

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
- Listening Center
- 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

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
- Sorting Animals
- Constructing Animal Bridges
- Winter themes

Creative Arts

- Circle action games
- Dramatic Play-Playhouse
- Art Projects
 - "Z" Zoo
 - Looking Up Snowman
 - "B" Bear
 - Building a Snowman Counting
 - "M" Mouse
 - "R" Rocket
 - Arctic Fox