

Green River Co-Op Preschool 5 DAY PROGRAM - JANUARY CLASS NEWS



IMPORTANT INFORMATION....

- **Board Meeting** – Tuesday, January 6th at 4:00
- **Fire Drill** – Thursday, January 15th and Friday, January 16th
- **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** – 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 several 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 12th) 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.

- **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 Lisa, & 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
- All About Me Pages
- Laminate Names
- Writing letters: Z, B, M, R
- Writing our names
- Writing numerals 1-6
- 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 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

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" Zombie
 - "Z" Zoo
 - Ten on a Sled Art
 - Looking Up Snowman
 - Penguin Winter Craft
 - "B" Bat
 - "B" Bear
 - Colorful Snowman
 - Building a Snowman Counting
 - Penguin With Fish Counting
 - "M" Monsters, Inc.
 - "M" Mouse
 - If You Give a Moose a Muffin Art
 - "R" Robot
 - "R" Rocket
 - Big, Bad Wolf Puppet
 - Arctic Fox
 - Puffy Paint Polar Bear