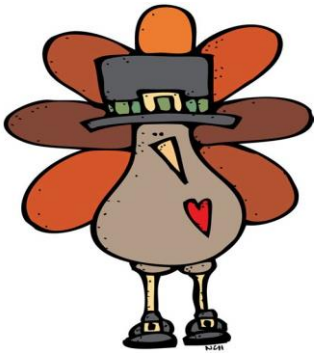
Green River Co-Op Preschool

5 DAY PROGRAM – NOVEMBER

CLASS NEWS



IMPORTANT INFORMATION . . . .

- **Board Meeting** – Tuesday, November 3rd at 4:00
- **Fire Drill** – Thursday, November 12th and Friday, November 13th
- **Open Registration** – Reservations for the 2027-2028 school year are now open to the community. If you know of anyone looking for preschool next year, have them give us a call to get their child on our list.
- **Letter Cards** – We have started learning our alphabet letters. Your child should have brought home a book ring with an informative parent note explaining the process. Each Monday your child will be given a new letter card. Please continue to add them to the book ring and review the letters with them periodically. Look to the parent note for suggestions on how to help your child learn and review letters.
- **Fine Motor Focus** – We have begun practicing writing names, letters, and numbers, as well as holding scissors properly and cutting. If your child wants to practice at home, encourage them to hold/grip the writing utensil or scissors in the correct manner. For additional information on *stages of writing utensil grips* and how to help your child, visit: www.growinghandsonkids.com/pencil-grasp-development-handout.html
- **Teddy Bear Day-** On Thursday, November 5th and Friday, November 6th, we will be having Teddy Bear Day. Students are invited to bring a teddy bear to school. We will have bear-themed centers and snacks. Students will be able to take their teddy bears along during center rotations.
- **Service Project**- This holiday season, we would like to focus on the importance of kindness and helping others. One way to teach these concepts is to have our students take part in a service project. We invite all preschool friends and families to participate in our "Preschoolers Pack the Pantry" service project. Students, families, and/or friends may purchase food items, such as cereal, soup, rice, pasta, canned foods, or crackers, and bring them into the preschool. We will donate all food items to the Trona Valley Foundation Backpack Program, which helps families in need with meals and snacks. Look for more information to come home with important dates related to this project.
- **Outside Safety** - Please remind your child to avoid walking or playing in the rocks or on the brick edging, as well as hanging or climbing on the trees. The instability of these areas can lead to injury of your child, or Trona Valley's landscaping. We also ask that students not walk around the building to the west side, where the concrete tables and benches are located. That is Trona Valley's break area, and a few of the concrete benches are broken and unstable. Also, stairs and walkways can always be slick this time of year, so remember to use caution while walking to or from the building, and in the parking lot.
- **Thanksgiving Break** – The preschool will be closed November 23-27 for Thanksgiving Break. School will resume on Monday, November 30th.

We are having a great time at preschool! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOM?

Themes

- Nov. 2-6 We're Detectives
- Nov. 9-13 Weather Report
- Nov. 16-20 All Year Long
- Nov. 30-Dec. 4 Seasons Change

Playhouse Themes

- Math Concepts Food Truck
- Log Cabin & Teepees
- 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: X, U, Y, W
- Writing our names
- Writing numerals 1-4
- 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 4
- Mental Blox
- Gummy Bear Graphing
- Roll & Color Thanksgiving Game
- Thanksgiving Bingo
- Tangrams

Physical Development-Fine Motor

- Using markers and/or other writing utensils
- Puzzles
- Play dough
- Building Blocks
- Cutting paper
- Lacing
- Train Tracks
- Sand and Water/Sensory Table
- Magnetic Tiles and Building Blocks
- Gummy Bear Necklace

Physical Development-Gross Motor

- Various Circle Action Games
- Balance Beam

Social and Emotional Development

- Classroom Rules
- Group games
- Practice taking turns
- Sharing and getting along with others
- Singing Songs
- Playhouse
- Following 1-step directions

Science and Social Studies

- Building Blocks-cause & effect
- Native American Culture
- Observation of weather changes
- Thanksgiving-Concepts of being thankful, kind, service to others
- Traits of changing seasons

Creative Arts

- Circle Action Games
- Dramatic Play-Playhouse
- Dramatic Play-Act out Goldilocks and the 3 Bears
- Art Projects
    - Thankful Feathers
    - "X" Marks the Spot
    - "X"-ray Fish
    - 3 Little Bears Home
    - Awake/Sleeping Bear
    - Bear Headband
    - "U" Unicycle
    - "U" Umbrella
    - Scarecrow Puppet
    - Lacing Acorn
    - Pizza Counting
    - "Y" Yoshi
    - Reindeer Ornament
    - "Y" Yak
    - Penguin Ornament
    - Dotted Turkey
    - Turkey Headband
    - Season Wheel
    - "W" Winter