Green River Co-Op Preschool

2 DAY PROGRAM – DECEMBER CLASS NEWS



IMPORTANT INFORMATION....

- **Board Meeting** – Tuesday, December 1st at 4:00
- **Fire Drill** – Thursday, December 3rd
- **Book Exchange** – We will be having a book exchange during our Christmas parties this year. Please bring a wrapped book to the preschool by **Tuesday, 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.
- **Christmas Parties** – Class Christmas Parties will be on Thursday, December 10th. 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.
- **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 11th-January 3rd for Christmas Break. School will resume on Monday, January 4th.
- **Tuition**- Although December is a short month, tuition is prorated over nine months to make monthly payments more manageable. Just a reminder that tuition rates are the same amount each month, September through May.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Miss Kami, Miss Krista & Miss Julianne

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOM?

Themes

- Nov. 30-Dec. 4 Seasons Change
- Dec. 7-10 I Love Animals

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
- Laminate Names
- Early attempts at writing names
- Focus letters: W, F
- Listening Center
- Letter Character Books

Math Skills

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

Physical Development-Fine Motor

- Using markers and/or other writing utensils
- Puzzles
- Painting
- Lacing
- Play dough
- Building Blocks
- Cutting paper
- 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

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
    - "W" Witch
    - Parent Christmas Gift
    - Christmas Trailer Gift Bag
    - "F" Flower
    - Christmas Penguin
    - Penguin Necklace