

January Lesson Plans 2012
3's Class

Date: 1-3-2012

Circle Time: Children share Christmas List; discuss Christmas Break

Book: Mouse's First Snow, by Lauren Thompson

Activity: Christmas List

State Standard Focus---English Language Arts: Student will attend to stories, speakers and songs.

Date: 1-5-2012

Circle Time: Gentleness Activity:

*teacher will draw make-believe "boo boo" with marker on her hand and one child will use cotton ball to clean the "wound" and apply a band-aid gently.

*discuss that gentleness is important when someone is hurting, when you pet a cat/dog etc., when you touch a flower, or hug a baby. God wants us to be gentle.

Book: Love You Forever, by Robert Munsch

Activity: Assemble "boo-boo" kits; name writing practice

State Standard Focus---English Language Arts: Student will identify own name in print.

Date: 1-10-2012

Circle Time: Compare/contrast summer and winter clothing

*use paper bag with summer/winter clothing in it, pull out each item and have child decide what season it is for

Book: Snow! Snow! Snow! By, Lee Harper

Activity: Scissor Snip Mitten; name-writing practice

State Standard Focus---Math: Student will sort, order and classify objects by one attribute (e.g., size, color, shape or use).

Date: 1-12-2012; "Pajama Day"

Circle Time: Discuss hibernation and winter animals

Book: Animals in Winter by, H. Bancroft

Activity: Circle Polar Bear (cutting practice)

State Standard Focus---English Language Arts: Student will follow simple directions.

Date: 1-17-2012

Circle Time: Discuss Winter and Review Four Seasons

Book: White: Seeing White All Around Us by, M. Dahl

Activity: Paper Plate Snowman; name writing practice

State Standard Focus---Social Studies: Student will participate in creating and following classroom rules and routines.

Date: 1-19-2012; "Blue and White Day"

Circle Time: Blue and White Show 'n Tell

Book: Blue: Seeing Blue All Around Us by, Sarah Schuette

Activity: Blue and White Collage (cutting practice)

State Standard Focus---Social Studies: Student will obtain things they want in socially acceptable ways (e.g., turn taking).

Date: 1-24-2012

Circle Time: Discuss what happens to plants and trees in winter

Book: Snow by, Rylan

Activity: Triangle Pine Tree

Food Experience: Banana and O.J. Smoothie

State Standard Focus---Science: Student will ask questions about objects, organisms, and events in their environment during shared stories, conversations and play.

Date: 1-26-2012

Circle Time: Review shapes and colors; use puppets children made

Book: Rectangles by, Burke

Activity: Shape Puppets; name writing practice

State Standard Focus---Math: Student will identify, name, create and describe common two-dimensional shapes in play situations.

Date: 1-31-2012

Circle Time: "hot potato" game using winter hat

Book: Tracks in The Snow by, W.H. Yee

Activity: Blue and White Creative Paint

State Standard Focus---Social Studies: Student will represent ideas through multiple forms of language and expression (e.g., drawing, dramatic play, conversation, music, art media)

January 2012 Newsletter 3's Class

Happy 2012! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas Break. We enjoyed seeing all the children at the Christmas Program, and enjoyed the delicious cookies you all brought in to enjoy after the program. Thank you!

January will be an exciting month here at Faith Preschool. We will be talking about winter animals and what happens to the animals (hibernation), people and plants during cold weather. We will also be comparing/contrasting winter and summer and having a blue and white show and tell day. Your child will also be able to wear their pajamas to school and bring his/her favorite bear in a paper bag to demonstrate hibernation.

Our moral focus this month is gentleness. We will be talking about this all month, and doing an activity about the importance of gentleness. We will also be having a healthy food experience this month. Your child will follow simple directions to make banana smoothies. Thank you for all the snack and school supply donations you have been sending in. We appreciate your generosity.

Focus Items this month:

Moral: Gentleness, “Let your gentleness be evident to all...” Philippians 4:5

Colors: Blue and White

Shape: Rectangle

Important Dates to Remember:

Thurs. Jan. 12: Pajama Day Wear your pajamas to school and bring favorite teddy bear in a paper bag (please label child's name on bag and bear)

Thurs. Jan. 19: Blue and White Day: wear and/or bring in something that is blue and/or white for Show and Tell

As the days get colder, and your child wears hats and gloves/mittens to school, please be sure each item is clearly labeled with your child's name. We have several coats that look very similar and it helps us all if we know who it belongs to.

Have a wonderful January. Stay warm,

Mrs. Wynkoop and Mrs. Diehl

