

## January 2012 Lesson Plans 4's Class: Mrs. Nelson

Date: 1-4-2012

Circle Time: Introduce the Grain Group; Share Christmas experiences

Book: The Grain Group by, Frost

Activity: Cheerio Necklace; name writing practice

**State Standard Focus---** Social Studies: Student will demonstrate an awareness of different cultures through exploration of family customs and traditions.

Date: 1-6-2-12

Circle Time: Discuss Gentleness; Read Poem

Book: Love You Forever by, R. Munsch

Activity: Gentleness Hand print Art

**State Standard Focus---**English Language Arts: Student will select favorite books and poems and participate in shared oral reading and discussions.

Date: 1-9-2012

Circle Time: Discuss Pairs; Put students in pairs

Book: A Pair of Socks by, S. Murphy

Activity: Mitten Art (cutting practice); Number 1, 2 Worksheet

**State Standard Focus---**Math: Student will write numerical representations or numerals in meaningful context.

Date: 1-11-2012

Circle Time: Introduce rectangle; Shape Review

Book: Rectangles by, Burke

Activity: Rectangle Art; Name Writing Practice; Rectangle Worksheet

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

Date: 1-13-2012; **“Pajama Day”**

Circle Time: Discuss hibernation; Share teddy bears

Book: Animals in Winter by, H. Bancroft

Food Experience: Making Pancakes

Activity: Bear in Cave Art

**State Standard Focus---**Science: Student will identify common needs of familiar living things.

Date: 1-16-2012; **NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)**

Date: 1-18-2012

Circle Time: Nursery Rhyme Show and Tell

Book: Sylvia Long's Mother Goose by, Mother Goose

Activity: Mad-Lib Nursery Rhyme; Letter N Worksheet

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

Date: 1-20-2012: **Blue and White Day**

Circle Time: Compare/Contrast summer and winter

Book: Seeing White All Around Us by, Michael Dahl

Activity: Winter Yarn Hat; Color Blue Worksheet

**State Standard Focus---**Science: Student will sort familiar objects by one or more property (e.g. size, shape, function).

Date: 1-23-2012

Circle Time: Discuss winter animals

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

Activity: Penguin Art

**State Standard Focus---**Math: Student will touch objects and say the number names when counting in the context of daily activities and play.

Date: 1-25-2012

Circle Time: Review real and make-believe

Book: Jack and The Beanstock by, S. Kellogg

Activity: Jack and The Beanstock; Letter J Worksheet

**State Standard Focus---**Science: Student will begin to differentiate between real and pretend through stories, illustrations, play and other media.

Date: 1-27-2012; **“Backwards Day”**

Circle Time: Review address/phone #/birthday, discuss importance of knowing them

Free Play: have free play in Mrs. Wynkoop's Classroom

Book: Five Little Penguins Slipping on The Ice by, Metzger

Activity: Creative Painting

**State Standard Focus---**English Language Arts: Student will display or share writing samples, illustrations and dictated stories with others.

Date: 1-30-2012

Circle Time: Review Food Groups (use flannel-graph Food Pyramid)

Book: Grains are Good by, Rondeau

Activity: Polar Bear Art; Name-writing practice

**State Standard Focus---**Social Studies: Student will begin to make predictions.

## January 2012 Newsletter

### Mrs. Nelson's 4's Class

Welcome to January! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. We sure enjoyed the preschool Christmas program and would like to thank you all for the delicious cookies you provided for us to eat after the program.

We will be very busy at Faith Preschool during this chilly month. We will be discussing the Grain Food Group and making pancakes to eat. We will be learning about winter animals and hibernation. Your child will even 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 throughout the month and learning the new Bible verse about this important quality. We will also be reading nursery rhymes, and your child will even “write” one of their own to share with the class. Our show and tell will be a bit different this month, please look for the note sent home soon explaining what he/she is to bring this month for show and tell.

We will finish out the month with a “backwards day.” Your child can wear his/her clothes backwards/shoes on wrong feet/etc. We will also spend some of our day in Mrs. Wynkoop's classroom, as they will be on a field trip. The children will have a lot of fun playing in the “other classroom.”

Please continue to review your child's address, phone number, and birthday with them. Also, as the cold days are here, please label your child's coat/gloves/hat clearly with their name. We have several coats that look the same, and this saves us a lot of time if the coats are labeled. Thank you!

#### **January Focus Items:**

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

Letters: J, N, W

Numbers: 1,2

Shape: rectangle

Colors: blue and white

#### **Important Dates to Remember:**

**Friday Jan. 13: Pajama Day**-your child can wear his/her pajamas to school and bring favorite teddy bear in a paper bag (please label child's name on paper bag and bear)

**Monday Jan. 16: NO SCHOOL**, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Wednesday Jan. 18: Nursery Rhyme Show and Tell** (note will be sent home soon regarding this)

**Friday Jan. 20: Blue/white day**---have your child wear blue and/or white

**Friday Jan. 27: Backwards Day**—your child may wear his/her clothes on backwards and/or shoes on wrong feet etc.

Thank you for your support and all your snack and supply donations! Please contact me at [senelson5@gmail.com](mailto:senelson5@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns. Happy New Year!!

Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Lee (a.m. aide) and Mrs. Bellinger (p.m. aide)