



GO AWAY BIG GREEN MONSTER!

December 7th – 10th &
14th – 17th, 2009

Dear Co-Teach families,

Wow - time just flies by when you are having fun! First of all, we'd like to thank each and every one of you for your support of our program this semester! We only have two weeks left until winter break. During these two weeks we will be focusing on imagination, real vs. pretend, and emotions. Our repeated reading will be *Go Away Big Green Monster* by Ed Emberly.

Parent/teacher conferences will take place the week of December 14th and 21st. Please sign up for a time slot on the classroom door before you depart for the holiday break. Each conference will last approximately 20 minutes, at which time we will briefly discuss your child's progress over the course of the semester and outline goals for spring semester.

As a reminder, winter vacation begins on Friday, December 18th and ends on January 10th. Please refer to the calendar that we recently distributed for more information.

Happy Holidays,
Mary & Andrea

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

Today at learning centers we will...

1. Decorate a green monster face at the art center
2. Mold green monsters at the playdough center
3. Paint a green monster at the easel
4. Take a trip to the Co-Teach workshop in dramatic play
5. Match monster emotions at the game center

For snack we will eat: Monster mix

At library we will read: *Go Away Big Green Monster* by Ed Emberly

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Today at learning centers we will...

1. Make a double sided glad monster/sad monster stick puppet at the art center
2. Mold glad and sad monsters at the playdough center
3. Paint glad and sad monsters at the easel
4. Take a trip to the Co-Teach workshop at dramatic play
5. Search for creepy crawly bugs in the water trough

At circle we will: Make sugar cookies to decorate for snack tomorrow

For snack we will eat: Pears and crackers

At library we will read: *Glad Monster, Sad Monster* by Ed Emberly

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

Today at learning centers we will...

1. Fill a cookie jar with cookies using bingo stampers at the art center
2. Search for creepy crawly bugs in the water trough
3. Make a list of items that monsters like to eat at the writing center
4. Build a monster house with Legos at the block center
5. Take another trip to the Co-Teach workshop at dramatic play

For snack we will: Decorate and eat our own monster cookies

At library we will read: *The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything* by Linda Williams

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

Today at learning centers we will...

1. Design an Abiyoyo silhouette picture at the art center
2. Continue searching for creepy crawly bugs in the water trough
3. Create a magic wand at the writing center
4. Continue building a monster houses with Legos at the block center
5. Listen to *Abiyoyo* on tape at the library

For snack we will eat: Peaches and saltine crackers

At library we will read: *Abiyoyo* by Pete Seeger

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

Today at learning centers we will...

1. Create a paper bag monster puppet at the art center
2. Mold monster sandcastles at the trough
3. Make a monster pattern at the writing center
4. Play at the dollhouse at dramatic play
5. Mold pizzas at the playdough center

For snack we will eat: Pizza!

At the library we will read: *There's Something in My Attic* by Mercer Mayer

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

Today at learning centers we will...

1. Color a "wild thing" with your picture on it at the art center
2. Continue molding monster sandcastles at the trough
3. Trace M's & W's at the writing center
4. Play Candyland with friends at the game center
5. Continue playing at the dollhouse at dramatic play

For snack we will eat: Fruit snacks and goldfish

At library we will read: *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

Today at learning centers we will...

1. Make an alligator tooth necklace at the art center
2. Mix and play in monster mud at the playdough center
3. Paint an alligator at the easel
4. Continue playing Candyland with friends at the library table
5. Go bowling at the block center

For snack we will eat: Pineapple and teddy grahams

At library we will read: *There's an Alligator Under My Bed* by Mercer Mayer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

Today at learning centers we will...

1. Make a monster kite at the art center
2. Mold and cut shapes at the playdough center
3. Paint a monster at the easel
4. Continue bowling at the block center
5. Play games with friends at the computer

For snack we will eat: Hot chocolate and graham crackers

SPECIAL EVENT: Today we will watch a movie on our SmartBoard!

Have a great holiday break! See you on January 11th.