

The Mitten

February 16th – 18th & 22nd – 25th, 2010



Dear Co-Teach families,

Our repeated reading for the next two weeks will be *The Mitten* by Jan Brett. Throughout this unit we will be reading several of this wonderful author's books and focusing on forest animals of the Northwest & winter. Throughout this unit, listen for and encourage your child to use the following vocabulary; mitten, knit, cozy, warm, mole, snowshoe rabbit, hedgehog, owl, badger, fox, meadow mouse, bear, tickled, & silhouette.

REMINDER: NO SCHOOL FEBRUARY 15th – President's Day!

Sincerely,

Teacher Mary and Teacher Andrea

Monday, February 15th

NO SCHOOL, PRESIDENTS DAY!!

Tuesday, February 16th

Today at learning centers we will...

- × Mold mittens at the playdough center
- × Search for animals in the snow at the trough

- × Piece together animal puzzles and play Jan Brett memory at the library table
- × Sew a mitten at the art center
- × Mold mittens at the playdough center

For snack we will eat: Peaches and animal crackers

At library we will read: *The Mitten* by Jan Brett

Wednesday, February 17th

Today at learning centers we will...

- × Mold corn cakes at the playdough center
- × Paint wild animals at the easel
- × Stamp animal footprints at the art center
- × Play animal soundtracks lotto with friends at the library
- × Make corn cakes for Annie's animals at the housekeeping center

For snack we will eat: Corn bread muffins and honey

At library we will read: *Annie and the Wild Animals* by Jan Brett

REMINDER: Please stop by the office area to participate in the program evaluation survey!

Thursday, February 18th

Today at learning centers we will...

- × Search for animals in snow at the trough
- × Paint a picture of Hedgie at the easel
- × Create a paper bag puppet at the art center
- × Design forest animal rubbings at the writing center
- × Listen to *Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing* on tape at the library

For snack we will eat: Chicken noodle soup and crackers

At library we will read: *The Hat* by Jan Brett

Monday, February 22nd

Today at learning centers we will...

- × Mold winter clothing at the playdough center
- × Paint winter clothing at the easel
- × Make your own Mitten storytelling kit at the art center
- × Go sledding at dramatic play
- × Play games with friends at the computer

For snack we will eat: Goldfish crackers and celery sticks

At library we will read: *The Jacket I Wear in the Snow* by Shirley Neitzel

Tuesday, February 23rd

Today at learning centers we will...

- Stamp animal footprints at the art center
- Cut forest animals at the playdough center
- Take lost animals back to their homes at the library
- Search for pink paper mittens in the trough
- Take turns drawing pictures of winter clothing at the Smart board

At snack we will eat: Gummy fish and pineapple

At library we will read: Listen to *Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing* on tape

SPECIAL EVENT: We will be practicing our 6th Building evacuation of the year

Wednesday, February 24th

Today at learning centers we will...

- Practice cutting out gingerbread babies at the writing center
- Match gingerbread babies to their mothers at the game center
- Take turns drawing gingerbread babies at the Smart board
- Color and decorate a giant gingerbread baby with your friends at the art center
- Cut out gingerbread babies at the playdough center

For snack we will: Decorate and eat your very own gingerbread cookie!!

At library we will read: *Gingerbread Baby* by Jan Brett

Thursday, February 25th

Today at learning centers we will...

- × Mold matching socks at the playdough center
- × Create a sock puppet at the art center
- × Play sock memory at the library table
- × Go sledding for the last time at dramatic play
- × Finish searching for pink mittens in the trough

For snack we will eat: Fruit leather and teddy grahams

At library we will read: *A Pair of Socks* by Stuart J. Murphy

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