



The Growing Times

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December 2011

Mark Your Calendars!



Please mark your calendar for the **January Parent Meeting** scheduled for **Tuesday, January 10, at 6:30**

p.m. in the preschool gymnasium. The parent meetings held each semester are required in order to maintain the preschool's "cooperative" license. State licensing requires the preschool to offer parents of a cooperative preschool four hours of yearly training. This training enables you to assist in the classroom as a helping parent, allowing for greater parent involvement and lower tuition fees. The Fall Parent Meeting met your first two hours of training.

Our license requires **mandatory attendance** for all parents of children currently enrolled in A Growing Place Preschool. We hope that early notice of the meeting date helps those that may need to hire a sitter in order to attend. Sign-up for second semester helping parent days will also take place at this meeting, so bring your calendar! **Please be sure to sign in that evening at the front desk in the entryway.**

We look forward to seeing you there.



December Units

12/5 – 12/16 The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Holiday Parties

We will have our classroom parties the week of December 12 – 16. Signups for treats will be posted the week of November 28th outside the classroom doors. We will be singing some special songs at our parties. Look for an exciting email over break. If you would like to bring in something special, please contact your child's teachers. If parents would like to join the class that day for the party, please let the teachers know. We cannot have siblings in the classroom, due to licensing restrictions.

Green & Blue classes Wed. Dec. 14th
Orange class Fri. Dec. 16th

December Calendar

November 28 - December 2: Holiday Party treat sign ups posted

Wednesday, December 14: Holiday Parties – Green & Blue classes

Thursday, December 15: Tuition due

Friday, December 16: Holiday Party — Orange class

December 19 - December 30: No School— Winter Break

Monday, January 2: Classes resume

Holiday Humor



What do elves learn in school?

The elf-abet!

What Christmas carol is a favorite of parents?

Silent Night

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Frostbite!

What did you do at School Today?



When children come home at the end of the day,
The question they're asked as they scurry to play
Is, "Tell me, what did you do today?"
And the answer they give makes you sigh with dismay.

"Nothing, I did nothing today!"

Perhaps nothing means that I played with blocks,
Or counted to ten, or sorted some rocks.

Maybe I painted a picture of red or of blue,
Or heard a story of a mouse that flew,
Or went outside on the swings to play.

Maybe today was the very first time
That my scissors followed a very straight line.

Maybe I led a song from beginning to end,
Or played with a special brand new friend.

When you're in pre-school

And your heart has wings,

"Nothing" can mean so many things!!

Tuition:

Please remember that we need your child's monthly tuition in order to keep "A Growing Place" running smoothly. Tuition payments are due on the 15th of each month. Payments can be deposited in the tuition box at school or mailed to the preschool at:

A Growing Place Preschool

P.O. Box 415

Deforest, WI 53532

Reminder!

School Reminders:



Please remember to **LABEL** your child's clothing! Many clothing items look similar or are even identical – so please put their name or initials on the tag! Thank You!

Please check the lost and found basket periodically for missing items.

If your child wears boots to school, please bring an extra pair of shoes to wear in the classroom. Boots tend to make feet hot and they are cumbersome when playing in the gym.

Auto and Safety Policies:

No child should be left unattended in a vehicle.

Vehicles must be turned off when unattended.

No child will be allowed to leave the preschool unaccompanied by an adult.

Scholastic Book Notes



The next Scholastic book orders will be distributed after the holiday break. Thanks for your participation. It is helping us to expand our classroom library.

Committee Corner

A big Thank you to the following:

November/December laundry: Lisa Sutter

Cookie dough distribution: JoLyn Towns

Wreath distribution: Gail Lovick

Carpet Cleaning: Joe Lopez

Gym equipment: Erin Lopez

Campbell's labels: Amanda Mennenga

Classroom cleaning: Korinne Kelley, Ann Lokken, & Hannah Heise

January volunteers:

Gym equipment (Fridays): Savannah Mahoney

January/February laundry: Amber Buschmann

Thank you all so much for your help this first semester. Time has flown by! Have a great Christmas break and don't forget to collect your Campbell's labels from all your great cooking. Also, don't forget we collect old ink cartridges for money for the preschool. Any questions regarding your volunteer obligations please contact Stacey Kuiper at 846-2962 or staceschus@aol.com.

Fundraising Efforts**Cookie Dough & Wreath Sales**

With two big fundraising events behind us we are very happy to say that both were very successful. We got off to a great start this year and we would like to thank all the families who participated and help support our preschool. We hope you all enjoy the yummy cookies and beautiful holiday wreaths.

Sweetheart Dance

Mark your calendars!! The Sweetheart Dance is scheduled for Friday, February 17, 2012. It will be held at the Holum Center Gymnasium from 6-8pm. There will be dancing, refreshments, activities for the kids and raffle items for the adults. It is a wonderful family event that you won't want to miss!

Watch for more information in the next newsletter and your family folders.



Featured Advertiser

Karen the Cake Lady

She offers fifteen cake flavors, and that's only the beginning. Karen Klawitter has been creating cakes in her bakery for ten years, but she has been decorating cakes for over 19 years.

Karen started when she worked for Gary's Foods in DeForest. She saw the specialty cakes take shape as her coworker decorated them, and, when she had time, Karen practiced making rosettes, trims, and other flourishes. When Karen got married nineteen years ago, she created her own wedding cake. Word got around, and soon other brides were hiring her to do their wedding cakes. (Since then, Karen also had two children, who are both Green and Blue Class alums.)

The best part of her business, she says, is seeing kids' faces light up when they see their Winnie-the-Pooh or 3-D Dinosaur cakes, and likewise seeing adults happy when they pick up their orders.

Karen's menu includes a variety of cake flavors, icings, and fillings, and Karen is happy to work with you if there's something different you have in mind. She also offers bars, brownies and specialty baked goods like raspberry pull-aparts and large cinnamon rolls. Give her a call to sweeten your next special occasion!

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(608) 846-2446

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