



GRANT COUNTY

The heart of the western frontier (#4226)

News & Events for

January – February – March 2012

While so far there has been little snow here in Grant County it no doubt will arrive soon. Here are a few ideas that may help get the wiggles out of children when the snow does arrive and play time is restricted to indoors.

Five Little Snowmen

Five little snowmen sitting on the ground. (*stomp feet on the floor*)

The first one said, "Oh my aren't we round?" (*make circle with arms*)

The second one said, "There are snowflakes in the air," (*point and wiggle fingers*)

The Third one said, "but we don't care." (*shrug shoulders*)

The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run!" (*run in place*)

The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun." (*smile big*)

Whooo went the wind (*blow*) and out came the sun (*point*)

And the five little snowmen knew their fun was done. (*hang head sadly*)

Mitten Match

Separate pairs of mittens. Give each child a mitten and put the matching mitten in a pile. Have children make a circle around the pile and take turns picking a mitten from the pile and finding the child with the matching mitten. If the mitten pattern is printed on heavy card stock and cut out the children could color their own matching pair of mittens which could be used for a traditional memory type game as well as the above game.

Snowman Face Snack

Using an English muffin half, have children cover them with a thin layer of cream cheese. They can then add raisins or M&M candies for the eyes and mouth and a baby carrot for the nose. Add a piece of fruit leather in a strip for the scarf.

Classes offered by Families First Parent Resource Center

January 12, Thursday 10-Noon – Promotes development of coordination and motor skills. Kids are encouraged to use their imagination during movement activities.

February 8, Wednesday, 10-Noon – Story time- Parent/Child Playgroup – Storytime, activities, and supporting developmental information.

March 14, Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Time management and stress are discussed. Moms will receive facials, lunch and a relaxing "time out".

Class for child care providers: Beginning in January there will be a **Positive Discipline** series offered in Prairie City. The dates for this class are January 9, 23, 30 and February 6, 13, 27 from 5 – 7:30 pm. This series shares facts about child development, realistic expectations, and temperaments. This series will begin again in March and be held March 5, 12, 19 and April 1, 9, 16 from 5 – 7:30 pm at Families First in John Day. This class is great for child care providers-- not only for working with the children in their care, but responding to their own children, if applicable. **Hours count toward renewal and Oregon Registry steps.**

Families First is located at 401 South Canyon Blvd. in John Day.

To register or for more information call: 541-575-1006.

Remember to put upcoming classes on your calendar and call 541-575-0251, ext 304 to pre-register. This allows the presenter to prepare adequate handouts for the class and for you to be notified if there should happen to be a change.