



Winter 2013

Grant Road Christmas Party

Christmas will soon be here! Have you started your Christmas shopping? Started untangling your Christmas lights? Made Christmas cards? There are so many things to do to prepare. With such a busy holiday season we don't want you to forget the Grant Road Preschool Christmas party!!!

Our party will be Friday, DECEMBER 20th at 9:30a.m.! We will be celebrating with snacks, stories and songs. Our preschool students will

be having a GIFT EXCHANGE. The spending limit for our gift exchange is a maximum of \$5.00. Simply bring a gift for a boy if you have a son, or a gift for a girl if you have a daughter. Please wrap the gift and label if it is for a boy or girl. Our school Age group will be enjoying yummy Christmas snacks and a craft.

If you would like to contribute, we need cookies or cupcakes to help us celebrate. We always encourage parent and

grandparent participation. PARENTS WELCOME!!! So if you have a few free hours, we would love to have you here!

SSSSShhhhhhhhhhhh!!! We also have an extra special surprise. All of our children must have made the "Nice" list, because SANTA is coming to pay us a visit! He will bring all of the children a special treat and take pictures with them too. He will be here from 9:30-10:30. Be sure and place your picture orders and bring your best smiles!



Welcome

We would like to welcome all of our new children and their families to the daycare!

Zoey Bullers, Riley Cannon, Syrae Jimerson, Bryce Netterville, Abigail, Armando & Olivia Olivares, Emma, Grace, Mia & Taylor Tran. Also welcome back to Christian Nieves!

Thank you for choosing to join our Grant Road family. We are happy you're with us and we can't wait to get to know you all! If you have any questions or there is anything you need, please stop by the office and we will be more than happy to help!

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Reminders

- We will be CLOSED Tuesday, December 24th- Wednesday, January 1st and open on January 2nd!
- Don't forget to bring a lunch if your children are ages 4 and up.
- Remember all fees are due every Monday each week, unless you pay Monthly.
- Grant Road policy is that everything your child brings must be able to fit inside their cubby. Back packs may be hung in the hallway.
- We check our toys regularly to make sure they are safe and have not been recalled. If you have questions or concerns about your toys at home you can visit www.recalls.gov to check for any recently recalled toys.
- Preschool Parents please don't forget to check for your little ones school work in the yellow file box by the front door. They have worked very hard and would like to show you how well they have done!
- Please don't forget lunch boxes, soiled clothes, pillows and blankets over the holiday break. It would be a good idea for them to be taken home and washed!
- Every Friday is Spirit Day, wear your GRDC Shirts!
- Sign your child in/out DAILY!!!!
- To advertise with us in this newsletter contact Ms. Jaime at jjkayna@hotmail.com

Feeling under the weather

It's never fun to see your baby sick. We don't like to see them feeling crumby either. Although children typically deal with being sick better than adults do. As soon as Tylenol lessons a fever they are up playing for a few hours, until the fever is back. But that doesn't mean they are well. So when do you keep him home or send him to daycare?

If your child has a fever of 100.3 and higher he must be kept home until he has been fever free without Tylenol (or other fever reducers) for 24hrs.

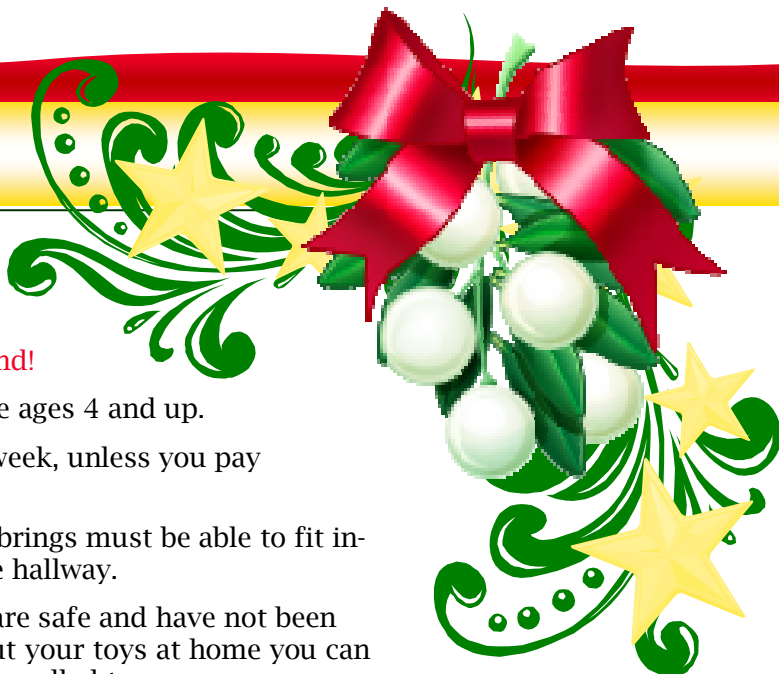
If your child has more than three "upset tummies" he must stay home until he can keep food down or no longer has runny bowl movements for 24hrs.

If he has a rash that is not associated with an allergic reaction, he must be rash free for 24hrs before returning.

If he is not able to participate in regular activities with his classmates, he must say home.

We understand that parents must work, that's exactly why we do what we do. But if your child is sick it is not fair to them, or others, that they are here. Not only do they feel bad but they are exposing the other children and the staff to what is ailing them.

So help us help you by not spreading sickness. Please keep your babies and tend to them at home or have a loved one stay with them.



Free Day Care

Spread the word! Our business has thrived through word of mouth advertising for 40yrs. Keep up the good work Grant Road family! We still rely on our hard work and effort to bring in new GRDC family members. Did you know that if you recommend us to a friend and they begin attending the daycare that you can receive a credit for free daycare? For more information and questions please speak to someone in the front office.

Write to us

If you have anything you would like to add in our newsletter: ideas, birthday wishes, special articles. Please email Jaime at jjkayna@hotmail.com to see about putting your input in our newsletter. This is your GRDC community, what you have to say is important!

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Valentine's Party

Our Preschool Valentines Party will be from 9:30-10:30am on Friday, **February 14th** this year. We will have yummy snacks and exchange our valentines. A letter will be sent out closer to the date letting you know how many children are in your child's class. Please remember to only put who the cards are from, this way the children can distribute their valentines themselves. If you would like to help out you can bring cupcakes or cookies. As always parents and grandparents are encouraged to come. We hope to see you there!



Gymnastics & Tae Kwan Do

Every Monday we have Gymnastics for almost all ages. Coach Jeff Martin joins us at the Day Care with Athletic on Wheels! Mini-Meets are held every year to which parents will be invited. If you are not yet signed up for Gymnastics you can speak to someone in the office about doing so.

We also have Beginner & Advanced Tae Kwan Do every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school. These classes are held in the blue room at the Daycare. We are proud to say the children now have belts of all colors, including Black Belts!!! Each achievement is truly a magnificent rise in self esteem for the kids! We are so proud of how well they are doing and how far they have come in their commitment to the sport! Great job to our black belts! You have worked so hard and been so dedicated.



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Birthdays



DECEMBER– 4 yrs. Elian Corona, 5yrs. Jackson Bell, Brennon Foster, Allyson Landrum, 6 yrs. Joaquin Alayon, Malin Hernandez.

JANUARY- 6yrs. Armando Olivares, Kaydence Priester, 8yrs. Tave Sosa, 11yrs. Kierra Hull.

FEBRUARY– 4yrs. Rafeal Casanova, Elayna Netterville, Dylan Primeaux, Mia Tran, 6yrs. Colin Contreras, Madelynn Garrett, Charlie Hart, Ayden Le, Grace Tran.



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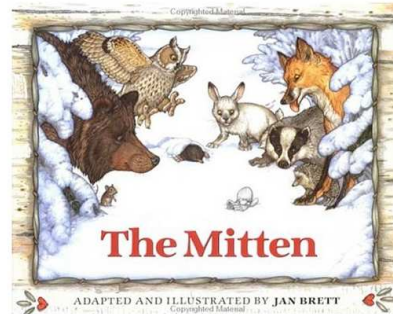
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Grant Road Day Care

The Mitten

*Adapted & Written
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Once there was a boy named Nicki who wanted his new mittens made from wool as white as snow. At first, his grandmother, Baba, did not want to knit white mittens. "If you drop one in the snow," she warned, "you'll never find it." But Nicki wanted snow-white mittens, and finally Baba made them. After she finished she said, "When you come home, first I will look to see if you are safe, but then I will look to see if you have your snow-white mittens." So off Nicki went. And it wasn't long until one of his snow-white mittens dropped in the snow and was left behind.

A mole, tired from tunneling along, discovered the mitten and burrowed inside. It was cozy and warm and just the right size, so he decided to stay.

A snow shoe rabbit came hopping by. He stopped for a moment to admire his winter coat. It was then that he saw the mitten and he wriggled in, feet first. The mole didn't think there was room for both of them, but when he saw the rabbits big kickers, he moved over.

Next, a hedgehog came snuffling along. Having spent the day looking under wet leaves for things to eat, he decided to move into the mitten



and warm himself. The mole and the rabbit where bumped and jostled. But, not being ones to argue with someone covered with prickles, they made room.

As soon as the hedgehog disappeared into the mitten, a big owl, attracted by the commotion, swooped down. When he decided to move in also, the mole,

the rabbit, and the hedgehog grumbled. But when they saw the owl's glinty talons, they quickly let him in.

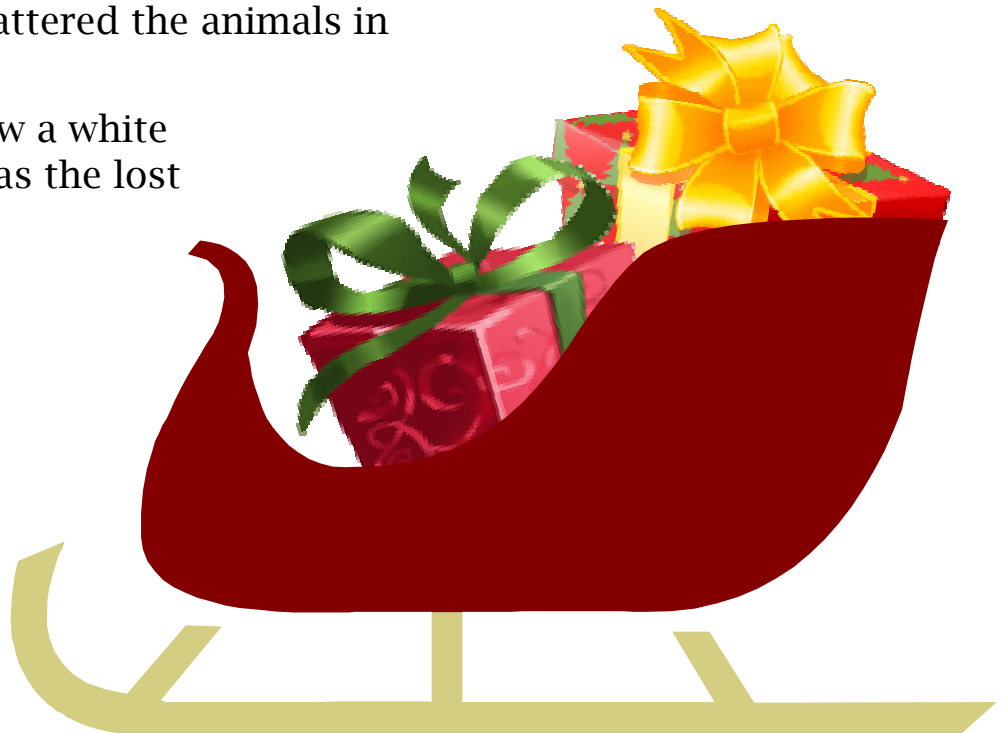
Up through the snow appeared a badger. He eyed the mitten and began to climb in. The mole, the rabbit, the hedgehog, and the owl were not pleased. There was no room left, but when they saw his diggers, they gave him the thumb.

It started snowing, but the animals were snug in the mitten. A waft of warm steam rose in the air, and a fox trotting by stopped to investigate. Just the sight of the cozy mitten made him feel drowsy. The fox poked his muzzle in. When the mole, the rabbit, the owl, and the badger saw his shiny teeth, they gave the fox lots of room.

A great bear lumbered by. He spied the mitten all plumped up. Not being one to be left out in the cold, he began to nose his way in. The animals were packed in as tightly as could be. But what animal would argue with a bear? The mitten swelled and stretched. It was pulled and bulged to many times its size. But Baba's good knitting held fast.

Along came a meadow mouse, no bigger than an acorn. She wriggled into one space left and made herself comfortable on top of the great bear's nose. The bear, tickled by the mouse's whiskers, gave an enormous sneeze, "Aah, aah, aah, Choo!". The force of the sneeze shot the mitten up into the sky and scattered the animals in all directions.

On his way home, Nicki saw a white shape in the distance. It was the lost mitten silhouetted against the blue sky. As he ran to catch his snow-white mitten, he saw Baba's face in the window. First, she looked to see if he was safe and sound, and then she saw that he still had his new mittens.



Color Me!

