

Coop Scoop



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January at a Glance

Theme Weeks:

3-7	Let it Snow
10-14	Outer Space
17-21	It's a Great, Big, Wonderful World
24-28	Our Healthy Bodies

Reminder:

Board Meeting---January 26th 7-9pm
Pajama Day---Friday, January 28th
Winter Clean Up---TBA

January Birthdays

Dylan --- December 31
Xavier --- January



A Note from the Teachers:

Happy New Year to our Co-op families!!! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with their loved ones. We'd like to thank you all for the wonderful gifts to the Co-op. We will be using a lot of the items for our future projects.

It is January, so we are hoping to get some seasonal weather. In the event we have snow, please dress the children appropriately for sledding and snow angels. Any help you can give us in the form of labels on mittens or boots will be greatly appreciated.

If the temperature is above 20 degrees, we will take the children out for outside play time; of course this depends on the wind chill factor and weather conditions.

We will be having a show, share, and tell week the first week we come back from winter break. This will give us the opportunity for us to talk about property rights and sharing. If a child will not share the toy with the other friends, he/she will be asked to put it away for the remainder of the day. Please tape your child's name on the item so it is not lost or confused with other toys at the school. Co-op is not responsible for tracking the toy so please impress upon your child that they can place it on the bench or table during clean up so it will not be absorbed in with many other school supplies.

Our first week of January, we will be talking about snow!! We have some interesting crafts for the kids to help decorate the classroom for winter!! We are also hoping to explore the snow, if the weather brings any. =)

We will also be exploring space, we believe that the kids will take off on this subject and enjoy learning about the different planets. We will then venture onto our planet, Earth, and talk about the different people around the world. We will also explore our healthy bodies towards the end of the month.

The teachers would like to make a couple of requests ... and/or suggestions for the New Year! As we are "growing" in our enrollment we have found that the conversation between parents/friends can be a little distracting when we are trying to hold the students' attention with a story, circle, closing, etc. We would like to

request that parents try to keep the talking on a low level until school is over ... OR (and we are perfectly fine with this) close the door into the Green Rug Room. Most of the time there is no problem, but sometimes the children lose interest in the task at hand when they hear their mothers (or fathers) talking. We hope this isn't an inconvenience for anyone and appreciate your help in this matter.

Also, with the increase in students we would like to ask the children to stay in the back rooms after arriving at school and not be walking/running up and down the hall. We understand that many times they are excited to see each other and are very happy about that ... but feel that for safety and to let us say "hello" when children arrive this would work best!

During the winter months we would like to ask that all children bring gloves/mittens and a hat to wear outside. Also, it would be really helpful if these could be put in jacket pockets or sleeves to help us make our get ready to go outside move along quickly. Again, thanks for your help!

We are very excited to start our new year at the Co-op! We have a lot of different ideas that we will be exploring!

Co-Chair News

Dear Families,
Happy New Year! January always feels like a time of renewal, resolutions, and here at the Playschool: Lots of winter fun! We hope that your winter break was refreshing, and full of family time. Our time right before break was bittersweet, and although big changes are ahead, we'd like to pause for a quiet moment to send our appreciation to all the families supporting our Cooperative this year. There truly was a time this summer where we thought there may not be a Cooperative Playschool this year, and now we are 12 families strong (Welcome Claire and Evan!). Although our community of amazing families made the decision to transfer the school to the Friends School all the harder, together we

can make sure that the transition goes smoothly, and that the legacy of the Cooperative lives on! Please get involved with our transition committee. Also, if you are interested in helping with a creative project (tbd after discussions with The Friends School) to serve as a remembrance of the 60+ year history, please let the board know.



Aside from the changes ahead, it is business play as usual at the Playschool. Reminders are listed in so many other places, but let's make sure we bring snowsuits/gloves/hats/boots, etc. for snow play. The school has a history of some pretty fun sledding down the front hill... so if you are interested in helping the kids with that one snowy day, let the teachers know!

Please join us at our board meetings. This month we will be meeting on January 26th at 7:00 at the school. We have been good at keeping our meetings to about 2 hours, and the more the merrier.

Playing is learning at our Playschool, and it continues to be amazing to see all that the children are learning!

Happy Happy!

Warmly,
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Come to the Board Meeting!

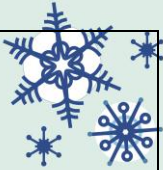
Yes, we really are a parent-run cooperative and that includes you! We encourage everyone to attend at least one board meeting this year. It really is inspiring to see a group of parents and teachers working together in the best interest of play-based education for our children!

**Our Next Board Meeting is Wednesday,
January 26th from 6:30-9:00pm**

Welcome New Friends!!

We'd like to welcome our new friends Claire and Evan and their families to the school. They have heard wonderful things about the Co-op. They are joining our class in January and we know that they will be a wonderful addition to our classroom.

Winter Reminders:



Sicknesses as School:

While it is unavoidable that children will catch colds and other illnesses during the winter months, **let's do our best not to spread the illnesses at school.** =)

**** Keep a very drippy child at home.** A cold that is bad enough to keep a child up at night should keep him/her home as well.

**** Call school to let us know of any contagious illnesses your child contracts:** strept throat, chicken pox, etc. We will post a note to inform other parents.

**** Hand washing is essential!** Before children help prepare a snack, or do any type of food preparation make sure they wash their hands thoroughly before snack time as well. Parents and teachers, please wash your hands more frequently throughout the day as well.

Going Outside:

Don't forget to **dress children warmly for outdoor play.** Hats, mittens, boots, and even snow pants may be necessary. We will be going outside each day unless it is raining or extremely cold.

If children wear boots to school, bring other shoes or slippers to wear indoors. You may keep an extra labeled pair of shoes or slippers at school and store them under the coat hooks if you'd like.

Weather-related School Closings:

When the State College Area School District cancels or delays the starting time of school; the Co-op will be closed. The Co-op also has the option of closing, independent of the SCASD.

Work Calendar Policy



Please Note: When the monthly work calendar has been posted on the bulletin board, parents are no longer permitted to erase their names from it. For example, in September, the September and October work calendars are posted. Names should not be erased from either one. However, names could be erased from the November through May calendars, located in the Work Schedule binder on the bookshelf.

If you are unable to work on your work date, please contact one of the parents who is available to work on short notice. There is a list of parent contact information in the back of the binder as well. If you are unable to contact anyone please let Miss. Susan know.

Family Profiles

Family profiles are just a small article on your family. Some examples would be who is in your family, what do they "do" (work, fun, etc.). Please include a picture of your family to accompany your profile. Family Profiles need to be completed and submitted to Susan Rambeau. We will compile the profiles into a booklet which each family will receive. The family profiles will also be hung in the school on the wall across from the bathrooms. If you have any questions contact Susan. We have some family profiles hanging up now; we'd love to have everyone's. =)

Hoss's Fundraiser:

Eat at Hoss's and we get 20% of your bill is donated to the Cooperative Playschool!

Date: Wednesday, January 19th

Location: Hoss's in State College

Group #:10655

***You will need one card/coupon per family/receipt

Raise Money for the Co-op by Grocery Shopping!

One of our biggest fundraisers each year is as easy as shopping at Giant grocery stores! In fact, by shopping at Giant you can help raise \$5 for the Co-op for every \$100 you spend. Please email Shelley at slfarahani@gmail.com to indicate each month how much you would like to spend at Giant. Cards can be purchased in any increment between \$10 and \$300. The Co-op will purchase gift cards in that amount. Use your gift card for your regular grocery shopping and 5% of the money will go to the Co-op. Leave payment in the envelope provided next to the sign-up sheet. Please make checks payable to the Co-op. Happy shopping!!

Friends and relatives are welcome to participate as well!

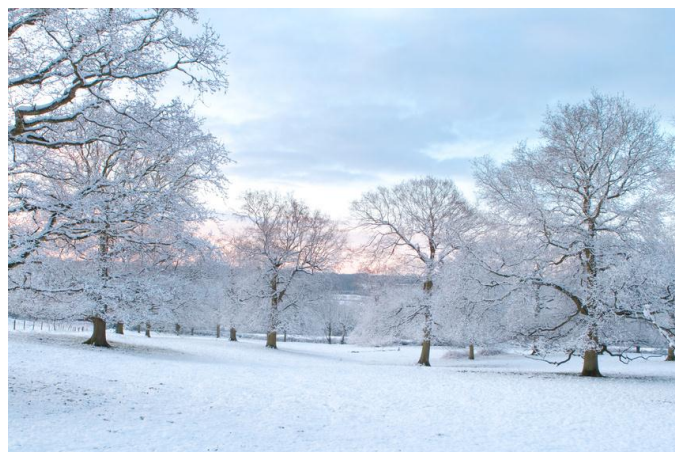
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Sharing Pictures

Along with our website, we also have an account at <http://concepcion-design.com/clients/>. The user name is coop and the password is friends. There is a folder titled 2010-2011 Coop Pictures. I have added random pictures of the kids. We can also make new folders as you'd like. (Example: Halloween 2010) Anyone from the Coop can upload/look at the pictures. It is a great way to share pictures with our coop family and it allows them to be added to the website or even the newsletters. If you have any questions about it just contact Susan.



Songs for January:

If All of the Snowflakes:

If all of the snowflakes
Were lemon drops and cupcakes,
Oh what a snow that would be!
I'll stand outside with my mouth open wide,
Ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah.
If all of the snowflakes
Were lemon drops and cupcakes,
Oh what a snow that would be!!

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star:

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are,
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.

The Earth Goes Round and Round:

The Earth goes round and round,
The Earth goes round and round,
Once a day, every day,
The Earth goes round and round.

The Moon goes around the Earth,
The Moon goes around the Earth,
Once a month, every month,
The Moon goes around the Earth.

The Earth goes round the Sun,
The Earth goes round the Sun,
Once a year, every year,
The Earth goes round the Sun.

Hello:

Hello, Hello, Hello.
I am glad to meet you.
I am glad to greet you.
Hello, Hello, Hello.

Sing hello in another language, for example:

French (Bonjour)
Spanish (Hola)
Japanese (Koneecheewa)
German (Gutten Tag)
Chinese (neehow)

Frere Jacques:

Frere Jacques, Frere Jacques,
Dormez vous?
Sonnez les matines, sonnez loes matines,
Ding, dang, dong.
Ding, dang, dong.

