

EDN NEWSLETTER

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January/February 2017



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS:

Children's Storytime January 3-18

Grand Island Library

Tuesdays; January 3, 10, 17

(10:30 am-Baby/Toddler Lapsits, for children age 0-2 yr)

(7 pm-Pajama time, family story hour, for children 0-11 years old)

Wednesdays; January 4, 11, 18th

(10:00 & 11:00 am-Story time, Ready to Read, for children 3-5 yr)

(2:30 pm-Book Bop Stories, music and movement, all ages)

(6 pm-Baby/Toddler Lapsits, for children age 0-2 yr)

Bear Fair January 23-25

Grand Island Library

January 23 (9 am - 12 pm/10-Bear Tales & 11-Bear Aerobics)

January 24 (5 pm - 8 pm/7-Bear Tales & 7:30-Bear Aerobics)

January 25 (9 am - 12 pm/10-Bear Tales & 11-Bear Aerobics)

(2:30 - 5:30 pm/3:30-Bear Tales & 4-Bear Aerobics)

Preschool children can take part in Free, fun and educational, safety, and health related activities such as listen to Bear Tales, take part in Bear Aerobics, visit dental and eyecare bear, Scrubby Bear, make-a-bear craft, bear repair, bear treats, police and fire safety, and more.

Shrine Circus February 20-21

Heartland Event Center

February 20 (6:30 pm) February 21 (4 & 7:30 pm)

Watch for more information and tickets soon.

Prairie Princess Party February 25

College Park-3180 W. Highway 34

1 - 4 pm

Admission: \$5 for Stuhr Museum members and \$8 for nonmembers.

This enjoyable afternoon of play will feature games, face painting, a tea room, a "royal" hair and nail studio, games and much more in what has become a very popular event for little girls (and boys) over the years. This year's event will feature a "Wizard of Oz" theme throughout so dressing up is encouraged.

Services Coordination Corner

Resource Review: If you have a child with special needs-please check out the website; edn.ne.gov/cms to learn more about; your parental rights in special education, ATP (Assistive Technology equipment), developmental tips, and Answers4Families (articles, resources and support).

Family Surveys: It is that time of year again when you may be contacted to take part in the family survey. The survey asks parents about their Early Development Network services, their contact with their Services Coordinator, as well as access to the community. It is important that you take this opportunity to help our state determine what is going well, identify gaps and barriers and plan any training that is necessary to improve services for children and families. Your Services Coordinator will be providing you with more information in the month of February and March.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Banana Snowman



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Ingredients:

- 1 banana, peeled and sliced (3 banana slices for each snowman)
- 5 mini chocolate chips
- 1 pretzel stick
- 1 baby carrot
- 1 strawberry, sliced into quarters

This is perfect for letting the kids assemble. Take three banana slices and line them up as illustrated. Use two mini chocolate chips for the eyes. Use the other three for the buttons on the snowman. Slice a sliver of the carrot off and poke it into the top banana slice under the eyes to serve as the nose. Break the pretzel stick in half and these will serve as the arms. Poke them into the middle banana slice. Place one of the strawberry quarter slices above the top banana slice to serve as the hat.

Try these fun activities to explore winter weather:

<https://www.zerotothree.org/>

Talk Together

•**For your baby:** Use the word “cold” when the two of you touch cold water, snow, or ice, open the fridge, or when you go outside in cold weather. Babies learn to speak when others speak to them. Repetition helps, as does changing your tone of voice for the word you are emphasizing (i.e., using a higher tone): “Feel the cold water. Ooooh, that’s cold, isn’t it? Cold, cold water.” Listen for your baby’s response. Starting at about 1 year, you may hear your baby start to imitate your sounds: “Co co.”

•**For your toddler:** Talk about what “cold” feels like. Use other words for “cold”—like “freezing,” “icy,” or “chilly.” You can start to discuss seasons, how in winter we have cold weather, like snow and ice.



Read Together

Try some “freezing” winter books like *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats or *Snowballs* by Lois Ehlert.

Play Together

•**For your baby:** Let your baby (6 months and up) do ice play. Put a few wet ice cubes on her high chair try to touch and play with. How does she respond to this cold, wet stuff?

•**For your toddler:** Talk about how water turns into ice when it freezes. Then play “freeze” with your toddler. When you say “freeze,” everyone has to stop moving. When you say “go,” everyone can start moving again. Try letting your toddler have a turn calling “freeze” and “go.” You can start/stop music to enhance this game as well. Let your toddler (18 mos. and up) experiment with ice. Shave some ice in a blender. Put it in a shallow pan, along with some ice cubes for fun, but cold, play. Throw in some spoons, cups, and bowls for him to scoop and dump with. For clean-up, let your child help you melt the ice with warm water and pour it down the drain. Talk about how the warm water melts the ice and turns it back into water.