

The G.R.I.T Calgary Society

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Happy New Year!
Hope you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. As we start a new year everyone one at G.R.I.T. would like to wish you and your family a healthy and happy 2010.
The Winter's Charm Gala is quickly approaching, tickets are available at the office.
Have a wonderful month.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday Jan. 4th
Program Resumes

Tuesday Jan 5th
DS Meeting

Tuesday Feb. 2nd
DS Meeting

Monday Feb. 15th
Family Day –no program

Saturday Feb 27th
Winter's Charm Gala

Tuesday March 2nd
DS Meeting

Thursday March 11th
Friday March 12th
G.R.I.T. Conference

Sing a song of winter, frost is in the air.
Sing a song of winter, snowflakes everywhere.
Sing a song of winter, here the sleigh-bells chime.
Can you think of anything as nice as wintertime.

Fundraising News

Fundraising for the G.R.I.T Calgary Society is a very important addition to the program.

This year Fundraising will not only focus on raising funds for program enhancement but a large portion of fundraising will be put forward to our building fund.

G.R.I.T. is very excited to be raising money for our own building.

A variety of fundraisers will take place throughout the year and we value the support of these events from our families, friends and staff members. If you are able to help through volunteering at events or seeking donations for these events, please contact Annette Eckel at 403-215-2444 ext 225.

Winter's Charm Gala Saturday February 27th , 2009

The Winter's Charm Gala will take place on Saturday February 27th , 2009 at the Pinebrook Golf and Country Club. The evening will include a buffet dinner, silent auction and several raffles.

Tickets will be \$100.00/person and are now available.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the pre-Gala set-up and the evening events. If you are able to volunteer please contact Annette at 403-215-2444.

We are looking forward to another successful Gala!

We are still looking for donations for the "Staycation" Vacation raffle basket. In this basket we would like to include gift certificates for Calgary Attractions as well as activities for home days.

The five baskets we are creating for the Silent Auction are: Children's Craft Basket, Children's Book Basket, Children's Toy Basket, Coffee and Chocolate Basket, Gourmet Kitchen Basket.

If you would like to make a donation of items for these baskets please send in your items with your Developmental Specialist by February 2nd.

Our fundraising events would not be the success they are without the assistance and support of our amazing volunteers.

Thank you for your continued support of the G.R.I.T. Calgary Society.



January Activities

What a Pretty Sight

(sung to "Row Row your Boat")

Snow, snow swirling round.

Falling to the ground.

What a pretty sight you make
dancing all around.

Snow, snow swirling round.

Flying through the air.

What a pretty sight you make,
dancing everywhere.

Dance Around the Snow Pal

Sung to "The Mulberry Bush"

This is the way we dance around, dance around,
dance around.

This is the way we dance around our snow pal in the
morning.

This is the way we skip around, skip around, skip
around.

This is the way we skip around our snow pal in the
morning.

This is the way we twirl around, twirl around, twirl
around.

This is the way we twirl around our snow pal in the
morning.

Winter Placemats

-liquid tempera paint, white and assorted colors

-shallow containers for paint

-dark pieces construction paper

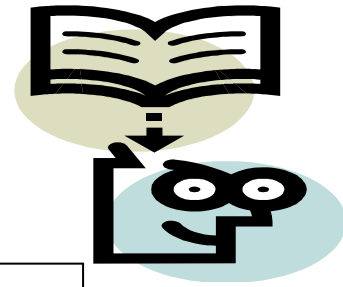
-spoons, tennis balls and cookie cutters

Pick a piece of construction paper for placemat. Have children dip tennis balls in the white paint and then roll it on the paper. Once the white paint has dried, take the cookie cutters, dip in colored paint and create a wonderful picture. Laminate for use.

Scratch and Sniff Art

It's easy. All you do is mix glue with Kool-Aid packets. Have the children use paint brushes and paint onto white paper. The art-work is not only colorful, but they smell great. You could also add Kool-Aid to water for water colours.

Info Board



Gala Help

Event Tickets are always a very popular item at any fundraiser. If you or anyone you know would be interested in donating tickets (i.e. Flames Tickets, Concert Tickets, Stampeders Tickets) please contact Annette at the office. All tickets will be used for Raffles or Silent Auction during the Winter's Charm Gala.

Evenings and Weekend Respite

If you are looking for respite for your children please contact Kim Suvanto (ext 226) or Annette Eckel (ext 225). We will then pass on your information to any Developmental Specialists that are interested in respite hours.

If you have anything you would like to have added to this monthly newsletter please contact Annette Eckel at the office (ext 225). Your ideas and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Have a great month!

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