



Meridian Little Hawks

December Family Newsletter from the Pre-K Parent Coordinator



Little Hawks is a group designed to reach children in our 0-3 age group in the Meridian district. The playgroup times are open to those children in the Meridian Pre-K program but should only be seen as an extra activity should you choose to come. Pre-K class will still be in session with Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Gorden during these times.

Upcoming Little Hawks Playgroups in January

Playgroup will start back up on Thursday, January 11th and continue to meet on Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 am at the Pleasant View Community Building (old elementary in Blue Mound).

Playgroups are free and no sign-up required. Join @LittleHawks15 facebook page for more information.

Gingerbread Playdough Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 cup flour
- ¼ cup salt
- 2 tsp cream of tartar
- 1 cup water
- 1 ½ or 2 TBSP vegetable oil
- 1-2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1-2 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 tsp ground cloves



Directions

1. Mix all the dry ingredients in a saucepan. In a separate bowl, mix your wet ingredients together. Pour your wet ingredients into the saucepan and stir.
2. Cook slowly over medium heat and continually stirring.
3. Once the dough has started forming into a ball, remove from the heat.
4. Allow to cool slightly and then knead the playdough for a few minutes until smooth.
5. Once cooled, your child is ready to play. Use a gingerbread cookie cutter to make little gingerbread men.
6. Store in an airtight container or sealed baggie.

Community Events/Activities

- **READiculous Between the Holidays** - story-acting program at the Decatur Public Library on Dec. 30th at 10am.
- **Baby TALK Times** - Tuesdays 6-6:45pm, Thursdays 10-10:45am at the Decatur Public Library (Families with children from 0-3 gather with Baby TALK staff to share parenting questions and concerns, to celebrate babies' achievements, and enjoy books, toys, songs and fingerplays).
- **Y Toddler Time** - 10am - noon on Thursdays at the YMCA in Decatur. \$2 per child.
- **Toddler Open Gym** - Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 am at the Decatur Indoor Sports Complex. \$4 (free under 1).
- **Breastfeeding Support Group** - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at BabyTalk - 500 E. Lakeshore Dr., Decatur at 10am.
- **Zoo Buddies Class: Timid Tarantulas** - Jan. 9th from 10-11 am or 2-3 pm. At Scovill Zoo Education Center. \$20 (\$17 Decatur residents) and registration required.
- **Mini Camp: I Can Sense: Weather** - Jan. 9th or 11th from 9:30-10:30 am. Children will learn to analyze their surroundings and explore the outside world through song, craft, snack, hike, activities, and story. \$8 - register online.
- **Lego Club** - Jan. 13th at the Blue Mound Memorial Library from 10-11 am.
- **Preschool Peepers: Silly Squirrels** - On Jan. 21st 2-3 pm visit Rock Springs Conservation District for a free activity - make puppets, read a story, and search for squirrels. Register online.
- **Storytime** - Blue Mound Library storytime will start Jan. 24th at 10:45 am and run through March 13th

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