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Jerseyville Parks and Recreation Department (JPRD) will be holding Itty Bitty & Pee Wee Basketball again this year. Eighty participants took part in the programs during the inaugural year in January 2012. Itty Bitty Basketball is a non-competitive skill development program that consists of small group rotations through skill stations for three and four year olds. Stations include passing, shooting, dribbling and rebounding. The program meets once per week for six weeks for 45 minutes. The session runs from Sunday, January 13 through February 17. On the six and final week, participants will be divided and scrimmage an entire game. There are three times to choose from: 12-12:45pm, 1-1:45pm or 2-2:45pm. The success of this program is dependent upon volunteer station leaders, therefore parents/guardians will be asked to be volunteers. Program fee is \$30 per toddler and includes a participation medal that the toddlers will cherish.



Pee Wee Basketball is designed just like the Itty Bitty Basketball program, but it is for five and six year olds. The program will run from Sunday, January 13 through February 17 at 3-3:45pm, 4-4:45pm or 5-5:45pm. Program fee is \$30 per child and includes a participation medal. All sessions will be held at the Susnig Center, located at 401 Mound Street. The registration deadline for both programs is Sunday, January 6.

To the right, Zach Weiner, 6 years old, and shooting station leader, Jeff Fraley, work on proper hand-placement for shooting the basketball during the program in January 2012.

For more information on these programs or to learn how to register, please call the JPRD office at 618.498.2222 or email jerseyvilleparkandrec@gtec.com.