DECEMBER 2023

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child

sunday

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday



friday

FUFNT Winterfest and Tree Lighting in **Indian Trail** 6-9 pm

saturday **EUENT**

Tree Lighting in Marshville 6-8 pm

EUENT

Indian Trail Christmas Parade 4 pm

PLAYING

Storytime will take a break during the weeks of:

DECEMBER 25-29

Pretend to be animals that like cold weather.

READING

Snuggle together and read a book of nursery rhymes.

WRITING

7 READING

Hanukkah Read a book about Hanukkah.



PLAYING

Play a game of 1 Spy



SINGING

Sing "Snowflakes Falling" using a piece of paper or cloth as the snowflake. (instructions on back)

EUENT

Waxhaw Christmas Parade 3 pm

WRITING

Write the word "December" and have your child trace the letters.

PLAYING

Gingerbread House Day Make a gingerbread house out of graham crackers, icing, and candy.

13 **READING**

National Cocoa Dav Read the directions together and make a cup of hot cocoa.

14 PLAYING

15 **SINGING**

Sing "lingle Bells" and shake bells to the rhythm.

16 WRITING

Make gift tags using scraps of paper. Have your child trace the letters of the names.

STEAM

Wright Brothers Day Make a paper airplane and talk about how they fly.

18 PLAYING

19 TALKING

Talk about things that you can do if it snows.

20 WRITING

Make a grocery list together. Have vour child write or trace the words.

21 TALKING

Winter Solstice Talk about your favorite things about winter time.

PLAYING

Build a pillow fort.

23 **SINGING**

TALKING

Walk your neighborhood and talk about the different color lights.

25 **READING**

Christmas Read a book about Christmas.

26 READING

Kwanzaa Read a book about Kwanzaa.



27 **COUNTING**

Count the spoons in your kitchen and sort them by size.

28 PLAYING

SINGING

Pick a favorite song and practice singing it at different speeds.

30 WRITING

With your child, write a list of things you want to do in 2024.

31 COUNTING

New Year's Eve Count down from 10.



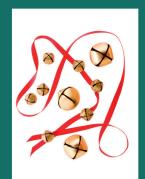




Jingle Bells

Skills:

fine motor; building; rhythm exploration



Supplies:

Pipe cleaner or ribbon Bells



Step 1: String bells on to a pipe cleaner or piece of ribbon.

Step 2: Twist the end of pipe cleaner or tie the end of the string to secure

the bells.

Step 3: Play music and shake to the rhythm.

Snowflakes Falling

(Tune: Frere Jacques)















Soon it will be winter. Soon it will be winter.

> Fall snow fall. Fall snow fall.



*Use a piece of paper or cloth as a snowflake. Have your child throw it in the air and try and catch it before it hits the ground.

Skills:

singing; hand-eye coordination; gross motor

