

# DECEMBER 2023

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child

sunday

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

saturday

Storytime will take a break during the weeks of:  
**DECEMBER 25-29**

## 3 EVENT

**Indian Trail Christmas Parade**  
4 pm



## 10 EVENT

**Waxhaw Christmas Parade**  
3 pm



## 17 STEAM

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



## 24 TALKING

Walk your neighborhood and talk about the different color lights.

## 31 COUNTING

**New Year's Eve**  
Count down from 10.



## 4 PLAYING

Pretend to be animals that like cold weather.

## 11 WRITING

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

## 18 PLAYING

Wrap and unwrap blocks with tin foil to improve fine motor skills.

## 25 READING

**Christmas**  
Read a book about Christmas.



## 5 READING

Snuggle together and read a book of nursery rhymes.

## 12 PLAYING

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



## 19 TALKING

Talk about things that you can do if it snows.

## 26 READING

**Kwanzaa**  
Read a book about Kwanzaa.



## 6 WRITING

Make and mail a winter card for a loved one.

## 13 READING

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



## 20 WRITING

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

## 27 COUNTING

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

## 7 READING

**Hanukkah**  
Read a book about Hanukkah.



## 14 PLAYING

Make "Jingle Bells."  
(instructions on back)

## 21 TALKING

**Winter Solstice**  
Talk about your favorite things about winter time.

## 28 PLAYING

Use playdough to make the letters of the alphabet.



## 1 EVENT

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



## 2 EVENT

**Tree Lighting in Marshville**  
6-8 pm



## 8 PLAYING

Play a game of *I Spy*



## 15 SINGING

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

## 22 PLAYING

Build a pillow fort.

## 29 SINGING

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

## 9 SINGING

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

## 16 WRITING

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

## 23 SINGING

Sing a story to your child like *Ten on the Sled* by Kim Norman.

## 30 WRITING

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

# Jingle Bells

## Skills:

fine motor; building;  
rhythm exploration



## Supplies:

Pipe cleaner or ribbon  
Bells

## Instructions:

**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*)



Snowflakes falling.  
Snowflakes falling.

To the ground,  
without a sound.

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