December 2022

Parent/Child Activity Calendar

Division of Early Childhood Education

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				1 Name as many types of lights as you can. Flashlights, lamps, candles, holiday, headlights, etc.	2 Trace your child's hands on paper. Think of ways to have "helping hands." Write ideas on the drawing.	Play charades. Stick with things your child knows. Picture books, TV shows , movies, etc.
4 Ask your child to think of words that describe winter. Then ask them to draw a picture of winter.	5 Give your child a 5x7 card to decorate on one side. Use it as a postcard to send to friends or relatives.	6 Today is the German holiday "St. Nicholas Day." Children put out their shoes and in the morning find they are filled with treats!	Pretend to be snowflakes. How would you move in a light wind? Practice "floating down."	8 Look through a magazine together and talk about the faces and what they are feeling.	Play a simple board game with your child like Candyland or Chutes and Ladders.	Make a bird feeder; spread peanut butter on a cardboard tube, roll in birdseed and hang outside.
11 Make a drum set! Turn pots and pans upside down and provide wooden spoons.	12 Make your child's favorite sandwich into a puzzle. Have them put it together before eating.	Many holidays fall in December. Talk about holidays. Why are they special?	Measure your child today. Teach them about inches and pounds.	15 Go grocery shopping. Use a list and have your child help you find the items on the list.	16 Have your child help you open the mail: pull out the contents, unfold and stack neatly.	Hide pennies around the house. Give your child a bag and have her find as many as they can.
18 Have your child look at his reflection in the back of a spoon. How does it make them appear?	Give your child a piece of paper, paint & sponges. Use the finished design as wrapping paper.	Help your child make a gift. Have them color a picture. Cover with clear contact paper to make a placemat.	Ask your child to tell you what she would like to make an annual tradition. Then start it!	Have a hat day. Wear different hats all day. Pretend to be someone new each time you change hats.	23 Make it a "round day." Have your child point out all the round shaped things he sees.	Play seasonal music . Sing and dance together.
Visit the tree at Rockefeller Center. Guess how many lights are on the tree!	26 It is the English holiday Boxing Day! Box outgrown clothing and toys and donate them to charity.	27 Point out patterns on wallpaper or fabric. Following patterns is a necessary skill for math and reading.	28 When you go outside, pull down your scarf and breathe into the air. You can see your breath! Why?	Bake a roll of Pillsbury cookies together. Yum! Yum!	Talk with your child about the best things you remember from the past year.	31 Make a noise maker with your child. Put beans in a metal tir or can. Shake it to music. Feel the rhythm