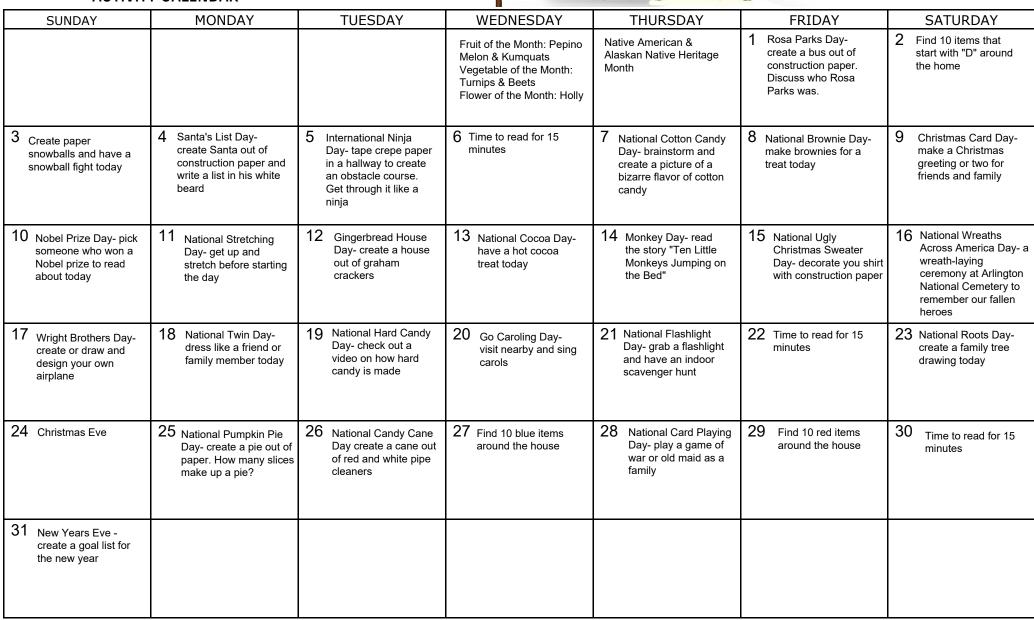
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ACTIVITY CALENDAR





Where's the Cotton Candy?

December 7th is "National Cotton Candy Day" and cotton candy is not just delicious to eat but it's also fun to use in science experiments. You can make cotton candy disappear right in front of your child's eyes and all you need is cotton candy (sold at any grocery store in small containers) and some cool water. Let your child pour some cool water into a shallow dish or pan. Next, help them open the container of cotton candy and tear off a section of it. The, 1-2-3, drop the cotton candy into the water and watch it disappear! The water will turn the color of whatever cotton candy you are using. Pour the water out and start over. Your child can put in big or small pieces of even the whole container of cotton candy at one time for a dramatic disappearance. If you pour seltzer water or a light-colored carbonated drink and drop the cotton candy into it, the water will actually fizzle and produce bubbles. The cotton candy dissolves because it is made of sugar and sugar dissolves in water! This activity is easy, safe, and the best part is that your child can use the cotton candy for an experiment and for a snack!

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Puzzle Piece Wreath

December 16th is "National Wreaths Across America Day" and what better way to honor this day than by making a wreath? You will need a paper plate, small puzzle pieces (you may have some puzzles that having missing pieces or you can buy a few from the Dollar Store), glue, and green paint. First, lay out the puzzle pieces on newspaper or wax paper and let your child paint them with green paint. While the pieces are drying, fold the paper plate in half and cut out a half-circle from the center of the plate. Once you open it, there will be a full circle cut out of the middle of the plate. Next, let your child squirt glue all over the paper plate rim and begin placing puzzle pieces all over the plate until there is no more white showing. Pieces can even be placed on top of each other to add dimension. Add a pre-made bow to the top of the wreath or clip on the holly that your child made in the Books by the Bushel activity "Handprint Holly". Finally, loop a piece of string or yarn around the top of the plate, near the bow or holly, and hang the wreath on your child's bedroom door to add a holiday decoration to your home!

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