

DECEMBER 2023

ACTIVITY CALENDAR



Book of the Month

Winter is for Snow
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Fruit of the Month: Pepino Melon & Kumquats Vegetable of the Month: Turnips & Beets Flower of the Month: Holly	Native American & Alaskan Native Heritage Month	1 Rosa Parks Day- create a bus out of construction paper. Discuss who Rosa Parks was.	2 Find 10 items that start with "D" around the home
3 Create paper snowballs and have a snowball fight today	4 Santa's List Day- create Santa out of construction paper and write a list in his white beard	5 International Ninja Day- tape crepe paper in a hallway to create an obstacle course. Get through it like a ninja	6 Time to read for 15 minutes	7 National Cotton Candy Day- brainstorm and create a picture of a bizarre flavor of cotton candy	8 National Brownie Day- make brownies for a treat today	9 Christmas Card Day- make a Christmas greeting or two for friends and family
10 Nobel Prize Day- pick someone who won a Nobel prize to read about today	11 National Stretching Day- get up and stretch before starting the day	12 Gingerbread House Day- create a house out of graham crackers	13 National Cocoa Day- have a hot cocoa treat today	14 Monkey Day- read the story "Ten Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed"	15 National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day- decorate you shirt with construction paper	16 National Wreaths Across America Day- a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery to remember our fallen heroes
17 Wright Brothers Day- create or draw and design your own airplane	18 National Twin Day- dress like a friend or family member today	19 National Hard Candy Day- check out a video on how hard candy is made	20 Go Caroling Day- visit nearby and sing carols	21 National Flashlight Day- grab a flashlight and have an indoor scavenger hunt	22 Time to read for 15 minutes	23 National Roots Day- create a family tree drawing today
24 Christmas Eve	25 National Pumpkin Pie Day- create a pie out of paper. How many slices make up a pie?	26 National Candy Cane Day create a cane out of red and white pipe cleaners	27 Find 10 blue items around the house	28 National Card Playing Day- play a game of war or old maid as a family	29 Find 10 red items around the house	30 Time to read for 15 minutes
31 New Years Eve - create a goal list for the new year						



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!



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!