

December 2013 Literacy Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 chart and count the different types of weather from November	2 Practice writing your name to send out holiday cards	3 Make play-doh together with the recipe on this calendar	4 Roll out numbers and letters using the play-doh from yesterday	5 Read your favorite book at bed tonight	6 Go with your child on the field trip to "Llama, Llama, Holiday Drama"	7 go shopping together and pick out a toy for the "toys for tots"
8 Clean out your toys and give them to others in need	9 Look for items in your house that are the color green	10 Make a special holiday card for someone and send it to them	11 Practice putting on your own snow clothes to play outside	12 Practice tying your own shoes, or putting them on by yourself	13 Name 3 things that rhyme with the word tree	14 Gather family photos and make a special photo book with them
15 Create a writing center in your house with crayons, pencils, paper, markers	16 Cut out different shapes and make a holiday card	17 Sing your favorite holiday songs and dance to them	18 Make cookies together for someone special who may not have any	19 Help your child make the shapes of circle, square, rectangle, and triangle	20 Practice counting up to 20 using the calendar and then without it	21 Visit an elderly person in the nursing home or retirement home
22 Practice zipping your coat (hint on the next page to use)	23 Talk with your child about the feelings of the holidays	24 Set out cookies and milk for Santa	25 Have a fun and relaxing day with family and friends	26 Have a fun day playing with your new toys	27 Go outside and play in the snow	28 Write thank you notes to people who live far away
29 Read a story and identify what happens at the beginning, middle, and at the end	30 Make a noise maker for New Year's Eve	31 Practice counting backwards from 10 to the New Year				

Total number of minutes read this month:

Parent tips:

Encourage your child to find letters that are in their name. Can be done using magnet letters, pulling out of a bag and putting in the correct order, seeing them in familiar signs, ect.

Identify familiar signs and read what they say. Also identify the letters that they see ie: stop, McDonalds, Kohls

Place the alphabet letter magnets in order. Have your child touch each letter as both of you slowly sing the song.

Use upper and lower case letters as you writing your child's name and they learn to write it to.

Have your child see how you label their belongings so that they don't lose them. Helps your child to learn name identification of their own and others.

When teaching your child how to zipper their coats a fun and creative way that I use at school it to tell them that we are going to feed the monkey his banana's. First you put the monkey in the tree holding onto the bottom of the coat (sliding the pin (monkey) fully into the box (the tree)). Then with your other hand you pull the zipper up feeding the monkey his banana's (the teeth on the zipper)

Website: <http://www.blastofftok.org>

Play-doh recipe:

½ cup Salt

2Tbsp. Cream of Tarter

2 Tbsp. Oil

2 cups Flour

2 cups of Water with food coloring and/or scented oil, you can also substitute 1 package of Kool-aid of any flavoring

Measuring cups

Measuring spoons

Cooking pot

Mix all ingredients and cook over medium heat, stirring often. Dough will form a ball and pull away from sides of kettle as you stir. Approximately 5 minutes.