









DECEMBER 2024

Activities for Early Learning Staff



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 National Influenza Vaccination Week	3 Share the December Learning is Everywhere newsletter for activities families can do at home.*	4 Read books with kids about traveling and the different modes of transportation.	5 Ensure staff receive support needed to maintain their well-being and mental health.*	6 Subscribe to receive the free Infant Early Childhood Mental Health newsletter .	7
8 National Handwashing Awareness Week	9 Prevent the spread of viruses by washing your hands. Print and post the CDC poster .	10 Share with families how your classrooms are kept healthy for children and staff.*	11 The USDA has handwashing posters, videos, and an activity sheet for kids.	12 Gingerbread House Day Make a classroom gingerbread house and display it!	13 Print, post and share Wash the Germs infographic from PA's Promise for Children.	14
15  Full Cold Moon. Learn why it's called a Cold Moon .	16 Invite families to share their holiday traditions.*	17 Encourage non-custodial parent participation within your program.*	18 National Bake Cookies Day Bake cookies, or create cookies using craft items.	19 Partner with families to co-plan a provider-based family event.*	20 Teach children how to take deep, calming breaths when big feelings get overwhelming.	21 Winter Solstice 
22	23 Teach children a counting song. Check out Sesame Street on YouTube .	24 Use colored paper to create holiday lights with each child's name.	25 Christmas Day Chanukah (Hanukkah) begins 	26 Kwanzaa begins 	27 Make Cut Out Snowflakes Day 	28
29	30 Share with families the Facebook Group, Community Inclusion for All .*	31 Chose a winter outdoor activity to do with kids from Project Learning Tree .	December brings holidays to celebrate, and awareness weeks to help us stay healthy. Staying healthy begins with handwashing. If you have questions or concerns about handwashing procedures, please contact your regional OCDEL office .			



*Recommendations from the [Pennsylvania Family Engagement Framework](#)