

JANUARY 2025 Activities for Early Learning Staff

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



January is National Mentoring Month. Mentors can be anyone who provides guidance and support as we make our way through the easy and difficult times. [Learn more about the impact of mentors.](#)

1 New Year's Day
**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

2 Share the January Learning is Everywhere [newsletter](#) for activities families can do at home.*

3 Reach out to local Kindergarten teachers. Plan a spring classroom visit for transitioning preschoolers.*

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6 Make a [Jan Brett inspired winter art craft](#).

7 **National Bird Day**
Try the [Collaborative Bird House build activity](#) and read the 2023 PA One Book, *Mel Fell* by Corey R. Tabor.

8 Talk about the winter season and how it differs from other seasons.

9 Make [frozen suncatchers](#) from found items in nature.

10 Select a book or two to read from the from [10 Awesome Books About Winter List](#).

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12 Learn about [January's Wolf Moon](#).

13 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**


14 Play a [social-emotional game](#) with children & share the game with families so they can play, too.*

15 Bring snow inside. What words can describe the snow? What happens when it's inside too long?

16 Read *If You Were a Penguin* by Wendall & Florence Minor, then create [hatching paper plate penguin chick puppets](#).

17 Explore [different animal tracks](#) and talk about what animals make the tracks and how.

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20 Invite school district personnel to review kindergarten registration and attendance policies with families. *

21 Use a flashlight and shine it on the wall. Encourage children to use their hands to make shadows.

22 Create [Calm-Down Jars](#) and talk with children about different ways notice emotions and relax.

23 **National Pie Day**
Create a pie with paper and talk about mathematical terms like *whole*, *half*, and *one-quarter*.

24 Make [tissue paper art with snow](#) (or water, if there's no snow!).

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27 **Opposite Day**
Help children identify opposites in the classroom.

28 Teach children a new [outdoor game](#).

29 Create a [sensory bin for sensory play](#).

30 Provide a variety of ways for family members to share feedback related to their experiences.*

31 **National Backwards Day**
Encourage children to wear an article of clothing backwards!

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