

# December 2024

Early Literacy activities you can do at home, school, or the library with young children. Read, write, sing, play, and talk all week long!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Word of the Week: <b>Hanukkah</b> “Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days and nights.”	2 <b>READ</b> <i>Grover’s Eight Nights of Lights</i> by Jodie Shepherd	3 <b>WRITE</b> Make up your own winter holiday! Write or draw about it.	4 <b>SING</b> “Old MacDonald Had a Farm.” Use animals that live in the arctic!	5 <b>PLAY</b> Play a classic game of Duck Duck Goose or Simon Says.	6 <b>TALK</b> Talk with your grown-up about your holiday plans this December.	7 Visit EVPL Red Bank from 2pm-3pm for Sensory Art!
8 Word of the Week: <b>Kwanzaa</b> “Kwanzaa was first celebrated in 1966.”	9 <b>READ</b> <i>My First Kwanzaa</i> by Karen Katz	10 <b>WRITE</b> Help your grown-up write a shopping list.	11 <b>SING</b> “Frosty the Snowman.”	12 <b>PLAY</b> Pretend you are running a toy store. Have your family or friends buy things from your store.	13 <b>TALK</b> Talk about ways you can help your neighbors and friends this holiday season.	14 We’ll see you at the airport for Second Saturday Stories. From 10am-11am.
15 Word of the Week: <b>Yule</b> “The Winter Solstice marks the beginning of Yule.”	16 <b>READ</b> <i>The Shortest Day</i> by Susan Cooper	17 <b>WRITE</b> Make a list of things that happen outside during winter. Maybe draw pictures to go along with it!	18 <b>SING</b> “Jingle Bells.” Go caroling!	19 <b>PLAY</b> Make a blanket fort! Then take a flashlight and make some shadow puppets.	20 <b>TALK</b> Describe your favorite sweet treat to a friend or family member. Practice some new words!	21 Come to EVPL Central for Design Time. From 2pm-4pm.
22 Word of the Week: <b>Christmas</b> “Christmas is celebrated on December 25th.”	23 <b>READ</b> <i>How the Grinch Stole Christmas</i> by Dr. Seuss	24 <b>WRITE</b> Write a list of all the things you are thankful for!	25 <b>SING</b> “Auld Lange Syne”- check out the version by the Choral Scholars of University College Dublin on Youtube.	26 <b>PLAY</b> Pretend to be a baker and make your favorite type of cookies.	27 <b>TALK</b> What are the differences between summer and winter? Talk with a friend or family member.	28 See all of our digital storytimes on our YouTube channel Evplibrary!
29 Word of the Week: <b>New Year’s Eve</b> “New Year’s Eve marks the start of a new year and new beginnings.”	30 <b>READ</b> <i>Snow Horses</i> by Patricia MacLachlan	31 <b>WRITE</b> Write a list of New Year’s Resolutions.	The month’s focus is winter holidays! So many great holidays happen in the month of December. Take some time to learn about a new holiday. Some holidays happening this month are Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Yule, and New Year’s Eve.			

