

Holidays Around the World

November 28th to December 22nd



Our theme, Holidays Around the World, will focus on various winter holidays and traditions celebrated in different countries. Included are: Hanukkah, La Posada, Old Befana, St. Nicholas Day, Kwanzaa, Christmas, and St. Lucia Day. We also take this opportunity to teach the children about maps and globes. It is an exciting month for everyone as we prepare for our own celebrations with family!

Language Arts

Read Aloud Books:

Old Befana, by Tomie dePaola
Baker's Dozen, by Aaron Shepard
Herschel and the Hanukkah Goblin, by Eric Kimmel
An Early American Christmas, by Tomie dePaola
Uncle Volva's Tree, by Patricia Polocco
My First Kwanzaa Book, by Deborah M. Newton
Chocolat, by Jean-Pierre Hérault
Annie and the Wild Animals, by Jan Brett
The Christmas Trolls, by Jan Brett
The Wild Christmas Reindeer, by Jan Brett

Phonics work:

The new letters: **Jj, Ww, Qq, Uu, Yy, & Zz**
Review letters: M, F, A, B, D, E, R, S, T, L, O, H, P, V, K, C, I, X, N, G

Red words/High Frequency words:

New: **it, in, a**
Review: the, is, for, and, he, you
We arm-tap these words each day.

Math

Numbers

The second quarter numbers are 6-12.
Here is a link for an interactive 10 frame game you might want to try at home.
<http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivityDetail.aspx?ID=75>

Math Concept

Comparing

This month we will engage in activities that compare quantity. It is an underlying concept that contributes to children's growing mathematical understanding, and supports their developing sense of number. Some games you will hear your children talk about this month:

- Handfuls
- Tic Tac Toe
- Dreidel Game
- Things in the Room
- Stack, Tell, Spin, Win
- Squares

Ideas for Home



Students could create their own family flag. Invite neighbors over to talk about their special family holiday traditions. Have a food tasting party. Invite family members to bring food from different countries. Go to the library and find books about how other countries celebrate the holidays. Pretend you have a pen pal in foreign country. Write a letter to the pen pal and explain how your family celebrates the holidays.