

Parent & Child Activity Calendar



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December						
		1 Plan a trip to see a holiday light show.	2 Bake a big batch of chocolate chip cookies with your child. Together, deliver them to neighbors and friends.	3 Donate old clothes or toys to a shelter. Take your child with you to drop them off.	4 Play seasonal music that you like. Sing along with your child.	5 At the library, help your child check out one book about Christmas, one about Hanukkah and one about Kwanza.
6 Ask your child to tell you what colors come to mind when she thinks about December. Why?	7 Engage in pretend play with your child. Tell him to imagine he is a snowman.	8 Let your child make a necklace by stringing different shapes of pasta. Decorate it together.	9 Take a walk with your child. Look for things you only see in December.	10 Visit an elderly neighbor together. Bring cocoa and cookies.	11 Have a family photo taken. Give your child a copy.	12 Give your child a large piece of white paper. Ask her to draw or paint holiday decorations.
13 Plan a trip to a museum. It may be less crowded now. Or go for a walk together.	14 Spend some "floor time" with your child today. Make a block tower.	15 Help your child practice using the telephone. Call a friend or relative.	16 Find materials to use with your child to make seasonal decorations.	17 Recreate a favorite holiday tradition from your own childhood. Share it with your child.	18 Ask your child to tell you what he would like to make an annual tradition. Then start it!	19 If your holiday plans involve car travel, pack a goodie bag full of snacks and games to keep entertained.
20 Buy plain white wrapping paper and ask your child to decorate it.	21 Give your child a coupon good for one special activity with you during next week's winter break.	22 Try a new drink with your child today. Substitute pineapple for orange juice!	23 Have your child make a holiday card for every member of the family.	24 Hug your child, for no reason other than loving her!	25 Make breakfast together. Try to eat all your meals as a family today.	26 Make a collage out of gift wrap or holiday cards today.
27 Write at least one thank-you note together today.	28 Four days left in the year! Cross each day off the calendar as you get up each morning.	29 Have a hat day. Wear different hats all day today. Pretend to be someone new each time you change hats.	30 Encourage your child to redeem his coupon for a fun activity today.	31 Talk with your child about the best things that you can remember about the past year.	2009	

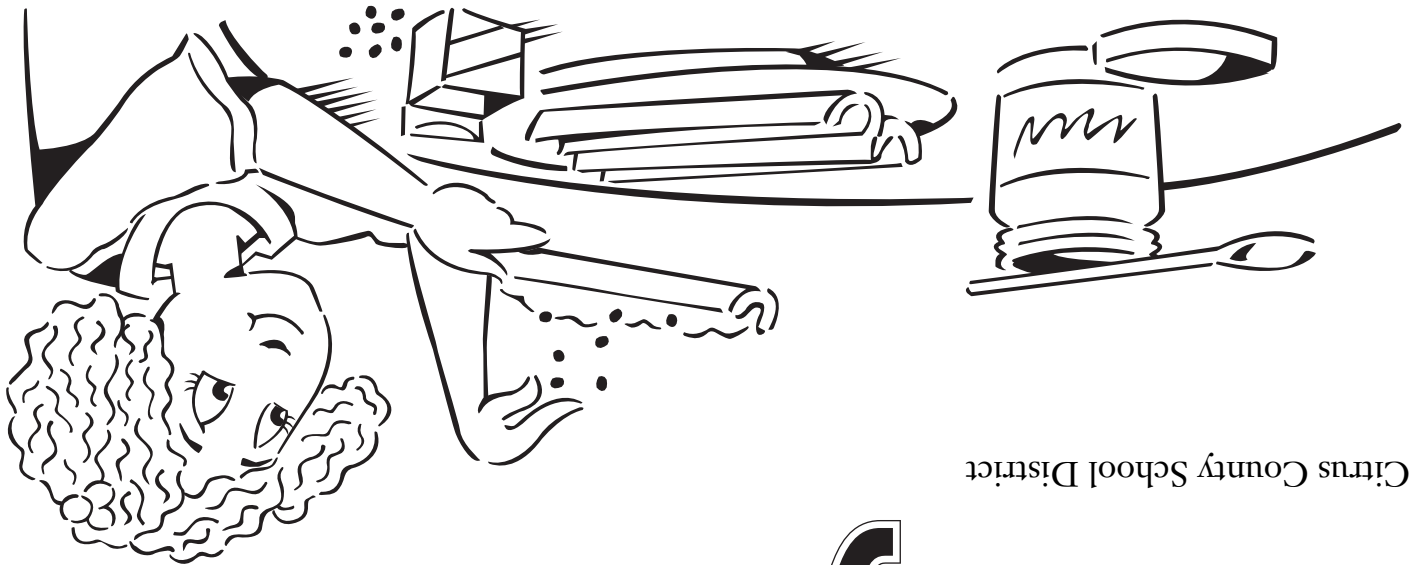
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January 2010					1 With your child, make a list of three fun things to do or try during the next year. Save the list and refer to it!	2 Together, think about something nice to do for someone today—and do it!
3 Find a good recipe for chicken soup, or another favorite soup. Let your child help you make it.	4 Ask your child to "interview" one of his stuffed animals. Record it or write it down for him.	5 Make sock puppets with your child today. Have a conversation with the puppets.	6 Have your meals backwards today. Eat pizza for breakfast and pancakes for dinner!	7 Let your child see you reading today. Mention to her how much you are enjoying your reading material.	8 Plan to attend a local high school basketball game. Mark the day on your calendar.	9 Take a winter walk and help your child notice things like berries and tree bark.
10 Talk about your child's favorite winter activity, then do it together.	11 Make a list of phone numbers. Show your child how to place a call. This reinforces reading numbers left to right.	12 Turn on your child's favorite music and "move to music" today.	13 Involve your child in one job you have been meaning to do. Cleaning out a closet is a good one.	14 Show your child where the address, return address and stamp go on an envelope.	15 Read a story to your child. Stop before it ends. Ask him how he thinks it turns out.	16 Gather some floating and sinking objects. Ask your child (and test) which will float or sink in water. Supervise.
17 Have your child help with the laundry. This is a great way to practice sorting and counting.	18 Read books together in an unusual place—under the table, sitting on the stairs.	19 Have an indoor picnic! Spread a blanket on the floor. Play music. Let your child help choose the menu.	20 From your local hardware store, get instructions and materials for building a very simple birdhouse.	21 Go outside and look at the stars tonight. Can you find the Big Dipper?	22 Today, give your child three reasons why being with her makes you happy. Ask her to give you three also.	23 Watch your child's favorite show or video with him. Make a big bowl of popcorn.
24 Bake cookies with your child.	25 Talk with your child about ways family members can show they love each other.	26 Have a "no TV" day today. Read or play games instead.	27 Search for letters of the alphabet. Assign your child two letters to look for on signs, boxes and cans.	28 Practice the names of the week with your child.	29 Plan a "home vacation" with your child. How can you pretend you're on a trip to Italy? How about Africa?	30 Have a make-believe snowball-throwing contest inside! Try tossing rolled up socks.
31 Read a Dr. Seuss book with your child.						

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7 Feed the birds. Fill a muffin tray with different kinds of birdseed. See what kinds the birds like best.	8 Visit the post office and mail your Valentines today.	9 Scan the paper for a community or high school theater production that is suitable for your child. Plan to go.	10 Plan a farm or business visit before spring.	11 Help your child decorate a Valentines box or bag.	12 Bake heart-shaped cookies together today!	13 For a fun family outing, plan to attend a church or community potluck or spaghetti dinner.
14 Tell and show family members that you love them today.	15 Don't watch TV tonight. Play games together instead.	16 Read an age-appropriate joke book with your child today.	17 At the grocery store, see if your child can find a food that is blue.	18 Play musical water glasses. Fill glasses with different levels of water and tap on them with a spoon.	19 Give your child red, blue and yellow finger-paints. What happens when he mixes colors?	20 Spring begins in less than a month. Talk about changes you'll see.
21 Help your child practice writing her name today.	22 Have your child copy the way you clap your hands. Make the rhythms more complicated each time.	23 Make "drippy designs." Drop paint onto paper with a spoon. Turn the paper different ways to make designs.	24 Praise your child when he does something well. Talk about how praise makes people feel.	25 Help your child make a get-well card for a friend or relative who doesn't feel well.	26 Talk with your child about how it feels to apologize when you've done something wrong.	27 Ask your child's advice on something today.

28 Give your child a new vegetable or fruit to try today!

February 2010