

December Preschool E-Learning Day Activities – Pick 3, Cross Them Off, Parent Initial

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Each box features a fun activity that will help your child build pre-reading skills.						
Play It's Cookie Day! Decorate a gingerbread man and help your child count the candy decorations.	Science It's Computer-Science Week. Play an online game with your child.	Stories Share your favorite winter memory from when you were a kid.	Rhymes During clean-up time, challenge your kids to name a rhyming word for each item they put away: book/look, block/clock	Writing It's Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day. Give your child some paper and markers and ask them to draw themselves in the future.	Science Make homemade playdough and then make playdough snow people.	Play Make a tent with blankets and chairs in the living room. Pretend you're in an igloo.
Songs Pick a few winter-themed words and use them to sing your own version of "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes"	Reading Get ready for National Cocoa Day. Read Do Frogs Drink Hot Chocolate? How Animals Keep Warm by Etta Kaner.	Math It's National Cocoa Day. Have your child draw a cut of hot cocoa and count the cotton ball "Marshmallows."	Stories Christmas Bird Count begins. Watch birds outside and encourage your child to make up stories about them.	Play Have a holiday hop and jump around to your favorite tunes.	Sounds Howl like the wind in a snowstorm. Show off your loudest howls.	Songs Put on a seasonal playlist and encourage your child to move like a reindeer, polar bear, or penguin. Move with them.
Stories It's Read a New Book Month. Read a new book with your child and talk about your favorite parts.	Reading Tape letters to a wall. Call out the sounds and have kids throw paper snowballs at the corresponding letters.	Rhymes Read the Mother Goose Rhyme, "The Three Little Kittens, They Lost Their Mittens." Then point out all the rhyming words together.	Writing Today is the Winter Solstice. Help your child create a list of their favorite winter activities and plan time to enjoy them.	Math Have your child sort toy animals by different characteristics such as land and sea animals.	Play It's Bingo's Birthday Month. Print some winter bingo cards and play with family and friends.	Songs Go for a ride and listen to festive music while exploring the neighborhood light displays.
Stories Prompt your child to create a brand-new holiday. What is it called? How do people decorate?	Reading Bake cookies in the shape of letters.	Science Bring the snow inside! Use a shallow plastic storage bin, fill it with snow, get a brush, and paint the snow. Watch the snow melt and colors change.	Writing Fill a shallow dish or tray with sugar or coconut and have your kids practice writing letters in fake snow.	Sounds If a snowflake made a sound, what would it be? Imagine same or different sounds a snowflake might make.	Rhymes See how many words your child can think of that rhyme with sled.	Math It's New Years Eve. Practice counting down from 10 and cheer at the end!

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Sounds Chirp, tweet, hoot! It's National Bird Day. Ask your child how many different birds sounds they can make.	Songs Sing and dance along to the Learning Station's "Boom Chicka Boom" song for kids.	Reading Open a book. Ask your child how many words they can find that begin with the first letter of their name.	Stories After watching a movie together, have your child make up and tell you a new ending.	Rhymes How many words can you and your child think of that rhyme with "new" and "year"?	Math Have your child count all the red things in their room.	Play Introduce your child to "I Spy" to practice descriptive words.
Math Give your child an object that's easy to carry. Go around the house and ask them to find objects that are bigger or smaller than the object.	Rhymes Go to the library and ask the children's librarian to recommend a rhyming book or two.	Sounds Use empty paper towel rolls or wooden spoons as rhythm sticks. Play your child's favorite song and have the match the beat.	Play Make a blanket fort and climb inside. Bring along your child's favorite stuffed animals.	Math It's Appreciate a Dragon Day. Celebrate by reading, There Are No Dragons in This Book by Donna Lambo-Weidner.	Science For Kid Inventors' Day, ask your child what she would invent if she could invent anything she wanted. How would she make it?	Math Make snowballs with your child from snow or tissue paper. Ask them to count each one they throw.
Reading Collect bottle caps and write a letter in your child's name on each. Jumble the caps together and have your child put the caps in the correct order to spell their name.	Science Check out a nonfiction book about your child's favorite animal. Look at the pictures and read the captions together.	Sounds Bundle up for a nature walk and talk about what sounds you hear.	Stories Have your child tell you a story about what they and their stuffed animals would talk about if their stuffed animals could talk.	Writing On Handwriting Day, have your child draw a picture from their favorite book.	Songs Sing while you do everyday activities, like putting on socks and shoes.	Reading Get silly on Opposite Day! Read your child's favorite book to them backwards.
Sounds Tap out a beat on a table or counter. Ask your child to copy your beat.	Writing It's Crayola Creativity Week. Get free creative resources for you and your child to enjoy at creativity-week.org or squarespace.com	Math It's International LEGO Day. Set out some large Legos. Count and sort them. Then let the building begin.	Stories Ask your child to tell you a story about what she would do if she were a snowman.	Songs Listen to two different versions of the same song with your child. Ask them which song they liked better and why.	Rhymes Put toys and other small objects in a pillowcase. Have your child pick one out and think of a word those rhymes.	

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Songs Play your child's favorite song and sing along while cleaning up the house	Play It's Chopsticks Day. Practice picking up objects using chopsticks.	Writing It's Send a Card to a Friend Day. Help your child mail a fun drawing to a friend.	Reading It's Library Lovers Month. Head to a local library with your child and help them check out a few books to read.	Science It's Pizza Day. Make a pizza from scratch with your child and talk about the different ways that pizza changes in the oven.	Sounds Give the name of an animal and see if your child can make that animal noise.	Rhymes See how many words your child can come up with that rhyme with "love."
Songs Make up simple songs about love with your child.	Math While coloring, help your child sort the crayons by size or color.	Writing It's Valentine's Day. Create a giant heart – shaped valentine with your child.	Songs Sing your child's favorite song with a high-pitched, silly voice.	Science Use dish soap and water to make bubbles in the sink.	Play It's Random Acts of Kindness Day. Compete against your child to see who can do more random acts of kindness by bedtime.	Stories Ask your child to tell a story about the best thing that ever happened to them.
Sounds Have your child listen closely while you're cooking and describe the sounds they hear.	Reading It's Comfy Day. Spend a few hours in your pajamas with your child and take turns reading books to one another.	Math Take a paper heart and divide it into fractions. Explain $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, and $\frac{3}{4}$.	Rhymes It's Cook a Sweet Potato Day. Come up with words that rhyme with "sweet."	Science It's Toast Day. Make a slice of toast with your child and ask them why it gets darker every time it pops up.	Play It's American Heart Health Month. Do a fun workout with your child and talk to them about the importance of staying active	Math Play a quick game of wastebasket basketball with your child and count how many tosses you each make.
Stories It's Tell a Fairy Tale Day. Spark your child's imagination by asking them to create their own story	Sounds Have fun with your child by saying words in different accents	Writing It's Tooth Fairy Day. Ask your child to draw a picture of the tooth fairy.				

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Science Help your child track the number of rainy and snowy days vs. the number of sunny days this month.	Writing Help your child list all the green foods they can think of in two minutes.	Rhymes Write pairs of rhyming words on four-leaf clovers. Mix up the four-leaf clovers and have your child match the pairs.	Math On Cereal Day, take a cup of cereal and have your child count the pieces.	Play Head outside and play freeze tag with your child.	Sounds Take a walk with your child and listen for different animals. Ask them what they hear.	Play It's Mario Day. Pretend you're both visiting Mario and his friends for an afternoon. What would they want to do?
Math Have your child practice counting 1-20.	Science It's Plant a Flower Day. Together with your child, plant a flower and put it next to a window. Measure its growth!	Reading Celebrate Learn About Butterflies Day by reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.	Writing It's PJ Day. Encourage your child to practice drawing pajama patterns.	Play Go on a walk outside with your child and collect a few different rocks. Which ones stand out to them.	Math Make sugar cookies with green frosting and have your child help you measure out the ingredients.	Stories To celebrate Saint Patrick's Day, ask your child to tell you a story about a leprechaun and their quest to find gold.
Rhymes How many words can your child think of those rhymes with "gold"?	Songs Sing a simple song about spring arriving.	Writing Spring is here! Encourage your child to list what makes them most excited about the warmer weather.	Reading On Poetry Day, read a poem with your child.	Play Celebrate Goof Off Day by telling silly knock-knock jokes to each other.	Sounds Ask your child what sound a bee makes. Now make the sound together!	Writing Help your child draw what spring means to them. Encourage them to draw whatever comes to their mind!
Reading While shopping, encourage your child to read the different signs hanging on the ceiling.	Stories It's Make Up Your Own Holiday Day. Encourage your child to make up their own holiday.	Math Play a game with your child. Have them practice counting, naming colors, and look for patterns.	Science Take a walk outside and bring a magnifying glass. Ask your child if they see anything unique.	Writing What does your child see in the backyard? Ask them to draw their observations.	Play Encourage your child build with blocks.	Reading Read a book and ask your child questions about the characters mid-story, like "who was the main character?"