NurturEd Early Learning Center

December 2026 Infant

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 G is for gluing a glistening garland to decorate our classroom (CA, PH)	**2** Demonstrating lightness and darkness in our classroom using flashlights (S)	**3** Singing the song of the month, "Five Little Fireflies" as we discuss different items that light up (LD, SE) – see the back	**4** Celebrating the color of the month, gold = oro. Wear something gold today and create a process art creation using gold colors (S, CA) *
Ask Your Child/Car Chatter: Enjoy some flashlight fun with your baby at home before bedtime				
7 Listening to the Dreidel Song and moving like a dreidel (PH, SS)	**8** Reading a book by the author of the month, Magaret Wise Brown (see the back for suggestions (L)	**9** Read *Goodnight Moon* and look for 7 items in the book and label by name (LD, L, M)	***10*** Stamping with a crescent shaped sponge on gold paper (PH, CA) *	**11** Exploring tealights and tissue paper or cellophane to notice the colors (S)
Ask Your Child/Car Chatter: Cuddle up with a book by the author of the month – see the back				
14 Learning The 3 Sparkling Snowflakes fingerplay and creating snowflakes (CA, LD) *	**15** Question of the day focus with families: How do you celebrate and be merry in December? (LD, SS)	**16** Listening to holiday music and moving to the beat with jingle bells (PH, S)	**17** L is for light: turning off the lights and noticing what we can still see (CD, S, LD)	**18** Pretending to be a gentle, quiet moose while in moose yoga pose (PH, SE) – see the back
Ask Your Child/Car Chatter: Pretend to be a moose with your baby				
21 Noticing shadows, that are made at different times of the day (S, M, SS)	**22** Gluing 8 gold stars on black paper to practice our fine motor development (M, PH) *	**23** Building a space shuttle to take to explore the full moon (CA, SS)	**24** Practicing giving our friends turns to play with specific materials (SE) NurturEd closes at 2:00 PM today – enjoy!	**25** NurturEd is closed today to observe Christmas – enjoy!
Ask Your Child/Car Chatter: Practice taking turns with some of your baby's toys				
28 Celebrating Kwanzaa: practicing ripping and pasting red, green, and black strips of paper (SS, CA, PH)	**29** Creating an art activity inspired by our author of the month, Margaret Wise Brown (CA, L)	**30** Celebrating learning from this month by having a light party and talking about what we learned (LD)	**31** Making confetti shakers to take home to ring in the new year (SS, CA) * NurturEd closes at 2:00 PM today – enjoy!	
Ask Your Child/Car Chatter: Enjoy those confetti shakers on New Year's Eve!				

"Ask Your Child/Car Chatter"
Use these questions or suggestions to help your child make connections from school to home by talking about what was learned in school, connecting play to school concepts, and more!

Rhode Island Early Learning & Development Standards (RIELDS) Domains:
(Denotes calendar activities that are aligned with the RIELDS)

CA – Creative Arts
CD – Cognitive Development
PH – Physical Health and Motor Development
L – Literacy
LD – Language Development
M – Mathematics
S – Science
SE – Social and Emotional Development
SS – Social Studies

Early Learning standards articulate shared expectations for what young children should know and be able to do. They provide a common language for measuring progress towards specific learning goals.



Curriculum Calendar

**denotes take home project that will be placed in your child's mailbox*

Concepts of the Month

Creative Curriculum Study: Light

Visit our website to see videos of our Curriculum Concepts!

Monthly Topic:
(related to Creative Curriculum Study) Merry and Bright

Color: gold = oro

Shape: crescent = cresciente

Numbers: 7 & 8

Letters: G & L

Spanish Words: moon = luna star = estrella

Author/Illustrator Spotlight: Margaret Wise Brown

Suggested books to read together:

Big Red Barn
Goodnight Moon
The Important Book
The Little Island
The Runaway Bunny
The Sleepy Little Lion

Sign Language:

Moon = Luna



Star = Estrella



Song of the Month: Five Little Fireflies

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fRlNYCp5ro

5 little fireflies flying through the night
The first one liked to blink her light
The second one flew in circles all around
The third one landed on the ground
The fourth one danced up near the moon
The fifth one said,
"We should go home soon"
And when the sun begins to rise
We'll say goodnight little fireflies

Math and Measuring: Geometry

Young children explore geometry as they notice, describe, compare, and build with shapes, sizes, positions, and patterns. Through play with blocks, puzzles, manipulatives, and everyday objects, children begin developing spatial reasoning and the language they need to describe how things fit together.

Yoga Pose:
Moose



Spotlight on: Creative Arts

The arts provide children with a vehicle and organizing framework to express ideas and feelings. Music, movement, drama, and visual arts stimulate children to use words, manipulate tools and media, and solve problems in ways that simultaneously convey meaning and are aesthetically pleasing. Participation in the creative arts is an excellent way for young children to learn and use creative skills in other domains.