NurturEd Early Learning Center

December 2026 Preschool

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 G is for gluing to create a glistening garland to decorate our classroom (PH, CA)	**2** Discussing where we think light comes from using the visual of a web (CD, LD, 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: Discuss different types of light you might find in and around your home (lamp, candle, stars, etc.)				
7 Hannukah begins today: enjoying the dreidel game and counting with gold coins (SS, M, PH)	**8** Reading a book by the author of the month, Magaret Wise Brown (see the back for suggestions (L)	**9** Tracking the moon and the moon "following us home" and writing a class story about the moon's journey (L, S)	**10** Practicing making the crescent shape with clay and painting it to take home as an ornament (PH, CA, M) *	**11** Adding tealights to explore light with Magnatiles (S)
Ask Your Child/Car Chatter: Talk about the phases of the moon with your child at bedtime				
14 Learning The 7 Sparkling Snowflakes fingerplay and creating our own snowflakes (CA, LD, M) *	**15** Question of the day focus: How do you celebrate and be merry in December? (LD, SS, SE)	**16** Galloping and gliding to: "Listen and Move" by Greg and Steve (PH)	**17** L is for light: turning off the lights, noticing what we can still see, and documenting it (S, CD, L)	**18** Pretending to be a gentle, quiet moose while in moose yoga pose (PH, SE) – see the back
Ask Your Child/Car Chatter: Discuss how you celebrate this month and any family traditions you want to begin or continue				
21 Learning about the winter solstice by noticing short and long shadows, similar to days being shorter than in the other seasons (S, M, SS)	**22** Cutting 8 gold stars and placing them in order by numerals (M, CD) *	**23** Building a space shuttle to take to explore the full moon (S, 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: Count 7 and 8 objects in your home with our child				
28 Celebrating Kwanzaa: practicing scissor skills by cutting and weaving 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 discussing what we learned (LD)	**31** Taking big deep breaths to practice our deep breathing as we blow painted fireworks (SE, CA) * NurturEd closes at 2:00 PM today – enjoy!	
Ask Your Child/Car Chatter: Ask your child what they learned about light this past month				

"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.