

READ to RISE

December 2026 Activity Calendar

Tuesday, Dec. 1st: Put a sugar cube (or granulated sugar) in hot water. What happens? Does it do the same in cold water?

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd: Prepare your kids for what's coming next in the day by talking about it. This helps them understand how to tell a story.

Thursday, Dec. 3rd: Shake, rattle, and roll to the music!

Friday, Dec. 4th: Pause to let your toddler finish a repeated phrase in a book.

Saturday, Dec. 5th: Make a necklace out of dry cereal and hang it up for the birds.

Sunday, Dec. 6th: Jump to the ABCs. It's a great way to reinforce all the letters.

Monday, Dec. 7th: Find things around your house shaped like a circle.

Tuesday, Dec. 8th: Smell all the spices in your kitchen and choose your favorite?

Wednesday, Dec. 9th: Talk about the sounds you hear all around. What or who made it?

Thursday, Dec. 10th: Sing a favorite holiday song together.

Friday, Dec. 11th: Read a book about a pet.

Saturday, Dec. 12th: Practice writing the letter D for December. What other words start with D?

Sunday, Dec. 13th: Pretend to be a siren. Make your voice high and low, loud and soft.

Monday, Dec. 14th: Sort small toys or other items according to color.

Tuesday, Dec. 15th: Take a nature walk and observe the plant and animal life. Talk about the signs of winter.

Wednesday, Dec. 16th: Share your favorite memory of 2026 as a family.

Thursday, Dec. 17th: Sing a favorite song from story time.

Friday, Dec. 18th: Read a book about snow.

Saturday, Dec. 19th: Practice using scissors on junk mail or scrap paper.

Sunday, Dec. 20th: Pretend you are a penguin. How would you move? Where would you go?

Monday, Dec. 21st: Look out the window and count the cars driving past.

Tuesday, Dec. 22nd: Have fun with gravity! What item falls faster when dropped to the floor?

Wednesday, Dec. 23rd: Talk to your child about holiday traditions when you were a child.

Thursday, Dec. 24th: Sing “Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes.”

Friday, Dec. 25th: Read *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* by Bill Martin, Jr.

Saturday, Dec. 26th: Have fun scrunching up used holiday wrapping paper.

Sunday, Dec. 27th: Pretend to be a snowflake. How do you fall from the sky to the ground?

Monday, Dec. 28th: When preparing and sharing food, narrate what’s happening – “two for me, two for you.”

Tuesday, Dec. 29th: Show your child and talk about the difference between cooked and uncooked foods like toast.

Wednesday, Dec. 30th: Talk to your child about winter and the types of weather we might see soon.

Thursday, Dec. 31st: Sing a nursery rhyme! Check out a book of nursery rhymes from the library for fresh ideas.

This activity calendar was developed by staff at the Nashville Public Library.

Each day of the week features a different skill: Sunday is Playing, Monday is Math, Tuesday is Science, Wednesday is Talking, Thursday is Singing, Friday is Reading, and Saturday is Writing.

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