



PPK/VPK Winter Challenge 2023-2024

Are you up for this Winter Challenge? We have confidence that you are!

Complete as many learning activities as you can over the winter break.

Ask an adult to initial each box once completed. Then return the Winter Challenge Choice Board and evidence to your teacher.

Choice Board: Complete as many as you can! 😊

<p>ELA: Snowball Names! Family member or child: write letters of your name on different pieces of white paper or sticky notes and crumble the paper. Have an adult hide the snowballs around the house. Can you find all the letters in your name?</p>	<p>MATH: Find 10 green things and 10 red things in your house!</p> <p>Extension: Using markers or crayons, draw them!</p>	<p>Science: Take a neighborhood walk or go to a local park and find as many pinecones as you can. How many did you find?</p> <p>Compare: Which trees have pinecones? Which trees do not? How are they different?</p> <p>Extension: Make a pinecone ornament! Decorate pinecone with glitter or paper and tie string (about 6 inches) to ornament!</p>	<p>MATH: Go on a number hunt around your house! How many numbers can you find written in your home?</p>	<p>ELA: Listen to a favorite holiday song! Repeat the words after an adult. Come up with your own dance moves!</p>
<p>MATH: Holiday Light Stroll! Walk through your neighborhood and find holiday decorations/lights. How many reindeer can you find? How many snowmen can you find? How many gingerbread people can you find?</p>	<p>Science: What is that smell? Find different spices with different smells (cinnamon, lemon extract, onions, nutmeg, vanilla extract, anything you have in cupboard!). Talk about the different smells. How are they alike and how are they different? Which one do you like the most? Which one do you like the least?</p>	<p>ELA: Read a book with a family member or a friend. You can share your favorite books!</p>	<p>Social Studies: Pick a special day/time and name it "Family Meeting" Involve preschoolers in household decision-making processes, such as forming family rules, and listening to others' ideas and perspectives. Draw pictures of family rules and display for family to reference.</p>	<p>Science: Holiday Mystery Bag Gather objects from the holiday season (twigs, ribbon, yarn, pinecones, wrapping paper, ornament, toy etc. or other items you have at home. Get a bag. Invite your child to name the objects you have collected. Let them touch and feel items. Place in mystery bag. Then a child can reach in and grasp objects to feel and identify.</p>
<p>ELA: Play Simple Snowman Says! Examples: touch your head, hop on 1 foot, pretend to run like a gingerbread man, touch your head, sit down, stand up, clap your hands, pretend to build a snowman, spin around in a circle, pretend to ride a reindeer! Try 2 step directions!</p>	<p>Social Studies: Hide N Seek Gingerbread Draw a gingerbread man on paper. Have a family member hide the gingerbread man around the house. Where is he? Use spatial concepts: up/down/in/on/under/in front</p>		<p>ELA: Reindeer Hokey Pokey! (Sung to the tune of the Hokey Pokey) You put your antlers in, you put your antlers out! You do the reindeer pokey, and you turn yourself around, that's what it's all about. Extension: You put your hooves in...You put your red nose in...You put your fluffy tail in.... You put your reindeer body in!</p>	<p>MATH: Cookie Sheet Snow! Using shaving cream, flour, or sugar, invite your child to practice writing different objects or shapes of different sizes on a cookie sheet!</p> <p>Extension: write name!</p>
<p>Social Studies: Provide a globe or virtual map. Decide where you are going to fly. Let child be an "airplane" and "fly" to that special place you chose together! What holiday songs, traditions, or symbols does that country use during the holidays?</p>	<p>MATH: Help set the table for a meal! How many family members are in your household? How many plates do you need? How many forks do you need? How many cups do you need? How many napkins do you need?</p>	<p>Science: Painting with ice! You'll need water, an ice cube tray, red, blue, green food coloring, short popsicle sticks. Pour water evenly in tray. Add tiny drops of food coloring in each section. Place 1 popsicle stick in each ice cube mold. Freeze! Hold the sticks to paint with. Paint on paper!</p>	<p>Math: Snowball Hopscotch! Using chalk, sticks, or rocks, invite a friend or family member to draw hopscotch boxes 1-10 or 1-20. Crumble a piece of paper and pretend it's a snowball. Throw the snowball on a numeral and shout out what the number is! Then go!</p>	<p>Science: Cut out a square/rectangle of wrapping paper or use a regular towel. Predict: "What item can fit in this?" Attempt to "wrap" a present with adult help!</p>
<p>ELA: Play "I Spy" Looking at holiday decorations outside, on your tree or with items around your home. Make sure to use descriptive words (size, color etc.) Ex. "I spy something red, shape of a ball and hangs from a tree (answer: ornament) Extension: I Spy: beginning letter sounds "I spy something that begins with "S" etc.</p>	<p>Science: Investigating Water Ask questions about water and let your child experiment and find the answers. "What does water feel like? "Is it rough or smooth? "Is it hot or cold?" Is it wet or dry?" Water the plants, clean the room or make dough from flour and water! Use your imagination! Extension: Show that water freezes and evaporates!</p>	<p>ELA: Build a snow fort with blankets! Read a holiday book with a family member in the fort! Sing the ABC song and a holiday song in the snow fort!</p>	<p>Social Studies: Meaningful Albums Look at current or old family photos/albums (or phone) with your child. Share the names and relationships of important people in their children's lives. Share favorite memories!</p>	<p>MATH: Shape Hunt! Find 5 things shaped like a circle. Find 5 things shaped like a rectangle!</p>

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