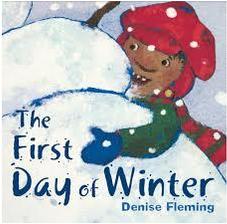


Calendar of Ideas – Dec 2016

ART - ORANGE GREEN - SCIENCE BLUE - LITERACY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Words of the Week</p> <p>Winter- the coldest season of the year that is after autumn and before spring.</p>  <p>Hibernate- to spend the winter sleeping or resting.</p>	<p>Read with Your Child.</p> <p>Recommended readings this week: <i>The First Day of Winter</i> by Denise Fleming; <i>Red Sled</i> by Lita Judge; <i>Animals in Winter</i> by Henrietta Bancroft; <i>Bear Snores On</i> by Karma Wilson; <i>Time to Sleep</i> by Denise Fleming.</p> 	<p>Make Ice Ornaments.</p> <p>Grab some dishes, string, water, and small trinkets (buttons, berries, leaves, sticks). Pour water in dishes of your choice and place your items in the water. Add a piece of string with half of it in the water and half out. Leave the dishes outside overnight or place in the freezer. Hang on an outside tree.</p> <p>http://www.redtedart.com/kids-get-crafty-ice-ornaments/</p>	<p>Make a big cave!</p> <p>Help your child construct his/her own cave to hibernate in for the winter. Recycle large boxes and decorate with crayons, paint, or tissue paper and glue. No boxes in the house? You can stack pillows and cover them with sheets instead.</p> 	<p>Hibernation Song <i>(to tune of wheels on the bus)</i></p> <p>The weather's getting cold so bundle up, bundle up, bundle up. The weather's getting cold so bundle up, winter's coming soon. The bears in the cave sleep all the time..... The ducks and the geese go flying south..... The people in the town wear hats and gloves.....</p> <p>http://amyfun4kids.blogspot.com/2009/01/animals-in-winter-hybernation-penguins.html</p>	<p>Make a winter collage.</p> <p>You will need black construction paper, a black and red marker, and white paint. Help your child draw the outline of a tree with the black marker on the blue construction paper. Encourage your child to make a winter scene with paint and markers.</p>  <p>http://pint-sized-treasures.com/winter-collage-craft-for-preschoolers/</p>	<p>Make a little cave.</p> <p>For this activity you will need: paper bowls, scissors, gray or brown paint, and teddy grahams. Flip your paper bowl upside down and cut a small semi-circle from the lid of the bowl upwards to create a small cave. With the bowl still turned upside down, paint the exterior gray or brown. Once your cave is dry, you can introduce the teddy grahams to their new home.</p> <p>http://www.pre-kpages.com/bear-more-or-less-activity/</p>