



Parent Engagement Ideas

DECEMBER 2016 and January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Use this calendar for ideas on fun activities to do with your child over the Christmas Break.</p>					<p>23 Drive around the neighborhood and look at the Christmas lights. Take a family vote for the winner.</p>	<p>24 Go Christmas caroling around your neighborhood - afterwards, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate. (Recipe on reverse.)</p>
<p>25</p> 	<p>26 Work on a holiday puzzle as a family. It's a great way to spend time with your child. (It may take more than one day.)</p>	<p>27 Teen Movie Night (Suicide Squad) at Catoosa County Library—5-7pm</p>	<p>28 Help your child write thank-you notes for Christmas gifts they received.</p>	<p>29 Pretend you have a TV or radio talk show. Take turns "interviewing" each other.</p>	<p>30 Create a Family Time Capsule. Encourage your child to find items that will be of interest to them in the future.</p>	<p>31 Reminisce with your child about the past year. Talk about goals for the New Year.</p>
<p>1</p> 	<p>2 Go ice skating at <i>Ice on the Landing</i> at Choo Choo Gardens. (Adults: \$10 / Kids 12 & under:\$8)</p>	<p>3 Make a DIY Snow Globe (Instructions on reverse.)</p>	<p>4 Flip through old family photo albums. Tell stories about your family's history and answer your child's questions.</p>	<p>5 Hunter Museum Throwback Thursday—4-7:30pm. View Permanent Collection for free.</p>	<p>6 Help your child find a new recipe, shop for the ingredients, and prepare it for the family.</p>	<p>7 Go on a Family Hike—afterwards, make s'mores. (Recipe on reverse.)</p>
<p>8 Play a board game as a family (Scrabble, Monopoly, etc.).</p>	<p>9 Return to School</p>					

DIY Snow Globe

Materials

Small figurine
Water resistant glue
Glitter
Jar and lid (one with smooth sides)
Water

Directions

1. Glue the figurine to the inside of the lid. (Make sure to center the figurine so that it will fit inside the jar.)
2. Cover the bottom of the jar with glitter.
3. Fill the jar with water. (Use enough water to make sure the top of the figurine is covered.)
4. Glue the lid to keep it secure.
5. Place the lid on the jar and close the jar tightly.



Indoor S'mores

Ingredients

8 regular size graham crackers, broken in 1/2
2 milk chocolate bars, the kind that can be broken into squares
8 marshmallows

Directions

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.
Lay 1/2 of the graham crackers on a cookie sheet. Top with chocolate pieces to cover. Place a marshmallow on top of each graham cracker. Bake until the marshmallows are puffed and golden brown, about 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from the oven and top with the remaining graham crackers, pressing down slightly to make



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Hot Cocoa

Ingredients

¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
½ cup granulated sugar
1/3 cup hot water
1/8 tsp salt
4 cups milk (dairy or non-dairy)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

1. Combine cocoa, sugar, water, and salt in medium saucepan.
2. Over medium heat, stir constantly until the mixture boils. Cook, stirring constantly for 1 minute.
3. Stir in the milk and heat, but do not boil.
4. Remove from the heat and add vanilla; stir well. Serve immediately.

