



December 2018 Calendar

| Learning Domain | Curriculum Subject | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| History Social Science | Hanukkah Color: Blue and White | 3 | 4 Happy Feet Dance | 5 Music with Ms. Stephanie | 6 Spanish with Ms.Yolanda | 7 Wear your Warm PJ's today |
| History Social Science | Christmas Color: Green and Red | 10 | 11 Happy Feet Dance | 12 Music with Ms. Stephanie | 13 Spanish with Ms.Yolanda | 14 Storyteller: Mary Ellen |
| Social & Emotional Development | Kwanzaa Colors: Black, Red, and Green | 17 Bike Day | 18 Happy Feet Dance | 19 Music with Ms. Stephanie 6:30 pm Holiday Party | 20 Spanish with Ms.Yolanda | 21 |
| | | <u>CLOSED</u> | <u>FOR</u> | <u>WINTER</u> | <u>BREAK</u> | Reopen 1/7/19 |



December 2018: Newsletter

Happy Holidays Skyline Families & Friends! This month we will be recognizing and learning about the celebrations of Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa.

Hanukkah also known as the “Festival of Lights” is the Jewish holiday that celebrates the miracle of the Maccabees, during which a single lantern of oil lasted eight days and nights when it should have lasted only one. Hanukkah can be celebrated by lighting the Menorah, eating fried foods, spinning the dreidel, singing songs, and giving away symbolic gold coins called gelt.

The second week of the month we will focus the curriculum on Christmas, which is when Christians commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. During this festival people often attend church to celebrate, gather with family and friends for special meals, and exchange gifts with one another.

Kwanzaa honors the African heritage in African American unity and culture it lasts for one week. Kwanzaa has seven core principles: Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith). Symbols associated with Kwanzaa are the kinara (candle holder), unity cup, and corn. The colors black, green, and red represent the African flag, books, and artwork.

REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Our annual holiday celebration is 12/19 at 6:30 pm, the children will sing and then we will enjoy light refreshments in the Friendship Room.
- We are **CLOSED** for Winter break 12/24/18-1/4/19. We reopen 1/7/19.
- We have Scholastic book orders available, it's a great way to buy inexpensive books for children. Please participate if interested.
- Please remember to Sign in/out daily.
- Bring your child's bedding weekly and remember to launder it on the weekends.
- Please be sure your child has a warm coat and one full set of a change of clothing in his or her cubby.