January Pre-Kindergarten Math & Literacy Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Write down special events for the new year in a calendar. Throughout the year, talk about the events using 'tomorrow'; 'yesterday'; 'next week'.	Put 3 snowballs in different bowls, and put one in the freezer, one in the refrigerator, and one on the kitchen table. Which one melts or freezes first? Talk about it.	Help sort the laundry. How did you sort? (by color, by size)	Game Night: Play a board game or card fame with your family. Count the dots on the die or cards. Count out the spaces one-by-one.	Search magazines for words beginning with the first letter of your name. Circle or underline these words with a crayon or highlighter.	
	Try a new fruit or vegetable. How is it the same or different from others? What are the health benefits?	Visit your local firehouse or police station. Talk to a fire-fighter or police officer about the type of work she/he does.	When going to play outside in the cold weather, have your child dress his/her self. Teach them how to zip up and put on boots.	Help your child to recognize his/her name in print. Place name cards around the house in places where the child will see them often.	Have your child start to help with daily activities like putting out the napkins and flatware for dinner. Fold the napkins in half.	
	Participate in a family project to help someone in your neighborhood. Talk about giving back.	Play <i>Guess Who?</i> Describe a job that someone in your community could have, and ask your child to name the job. (example: Who rides on a	Make a collage with unused or clean recycled objects you have around the house (bottle tops, cotton balls, egg cartons, etc.)	Look at photos of your family (or in a magazine or online) doing different activities. Together, describe what is happening in the photos.	Dance Party! Have your child pick out the music. Practice 'freeze dancing' and other fun moves.	
	Hide objects around the house for your child to find. Give clues like 'under' the couch or 'on top of' the chair. Use positional words.	Have your child 'read' a book to you. Look at pictures and tell the story. How many of the printed words do they recognize?	Coloring fun! Using crayons or colored pencils, sit and color pictures with your child. Try to stay in the lines.	Using scissors, glue, and paper, have your child make a collage or card for someone. Have them try to write their name on the project.	Game Night: Play a board game or card game with your family. Count the dots on the die or cards. Count out the spaces one-by-one.	
	Have your child dump out his or her piggy bank and sort the money by type of coin. Talk about what the name of each coin is and how much it is worth.	Look at pictures in a new book. Have your child guess what might happen in the story. Read the story and compare predications to the actual story.	Play <i>I Spy</i> . "I spy with my little eye something (fill in with color or shape). Try to guess what each other has identified based on the detail they provide.			