

January's Themes

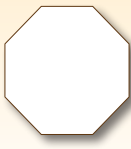
Exploring My World: This theme invites children to become scientists as they explore their world through simple experiments, building, and cooking activities. They will be encouraged to tinker with gizmos and gadgets and perhaps invent something of their own.

Polar Pals: Children will journey to the land of ice and snow in this frosty theme. They will explore snow, ice, and animals that call the Arctic and Antarctica home.

Activities for Home

- Does your child have a toy tool kit? Allow her to pound golf tees into Styrofoam blocks. If you own a real tool kit, compare your tools to your child's kit. Name each tool and discuss its use. Review safety rules of tool use. With close supervision, allow your child to build a simple structure.
- Practice counting to twelve. Save an egg carton and count together as your child places a small object in each section of the carton.
- Reinforce the letter N with the following activities. Form an N with raw or cooked spaghetti noodles. Make a name collage with alphabet beads or letters cut from magazines that spell out names of family members. Circle N's found in newspaper articles. (This can be done with M and O, the other letters of the month, as well.)
- Make fingerprint penguins with black and white fingerprint and blue construction paper. Use the thumb to make a white body and a fingertip to make black wings and a head. With a toothpick, make two white dots for eyes. Stretch out cotton balls and glue them to the blue paper to make an iceberg.

Help Me Review

Mm	white	11
Nn		12
Oo	octagon	

Books, Books, Books

The best way to learn which books your child enjoys is to read children's books-lots of them! Check out funshineexpress.com for Book Lists corresponding to each month's themes. Get to know your local librarians and ask for their recommendations as well.

Machines at Work

by Byron Barton

Robots, Robots Everywhere!

by Sue Fliess

Ramps, Wedges and Screws Work

by Jim Mazzanotte

Robot, Go Bot!

by Dana M. Rau

Cuddly Duddly

by Jez Alborough

The Emperor's Egg

by Martin Jenkins

A Penguin Story

by Antoinette Portis

Penguin and Pinecone

by Salina Yoon

Nursery Rhymes



Peas Porridge

Peas porridge hot;
Peas porridge cold.
Peas porridge in the pot,
Nine days old.

Sing Along with Me!

Find these songs on our 2017-2018 Music and Movement CD available at funshineexpress.com.



Making Things Work

Sung to "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain"

Turn the doorknob; it will open up the door.
 Turn the doorknob; it will open up the door.
 You will hear the doorknob clicking
 When it's turning and it's twisting.
 Turn the doorknob; it will open up the door.




Penguin Party

Sung to "Alouette"

Penguin party! Everybody's coming!
 Penguin party! Are you coming too?
 Slipping, sliding in the snow,
 Waddling round and round we go.
 In the snow, round we go.
 Party time! Party time!
 O-o-o-o-oh!
 Penguin party! Everybody's coming!
 Penguin party! Are you coming too?



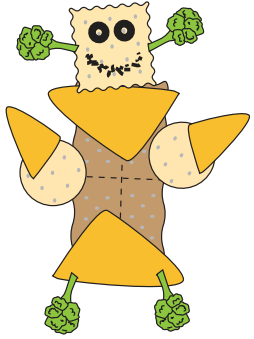
Reminders...



Easy Cheesy Robots

Ingredients: square cheese slices
 crackers of different shapes
 chopped olives
 fresh, chopped carrots,
 broccoli, and cauliflower

Use cookie cutters to cut out a variety of geometrical shapes from cheese slices. Place the cheese cutouts, crackers, chopped olives, and vegetables on a table. Let family members choose their favorite snack items to create edible robots.



Everyday Spanish



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touch
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smell
oler



taste
probar

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