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Activities for Early Learning Staff

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	National Influenza Vaccination Week	**1** Share the December Learning is Everywhere newsletter for activities families can do at home.*	**2** It's not too late to get caught up on immunizations!	**3** Teach children a counting song. Check out Sesame Street on YouTube.	**4** Subscribe to receive the free Infant Early Childhood Mental Health newsletter.	**5**
6 **National Handwashing Awareness Week**	**7** Prevent the spread of viruses by washing your hands. Print and post the CDC poster.	**8** Share with families how your classrooms are kept healthy for children and staff.*	**9** The USDA has handwashing posters, videos, and an activity sheet for kids.	**10** Print, post and share *Wash the Germs* infographic from PA's Promise for Children.	**11** Gingerbread House Day Make a classroom gingerbread house and display it!	**12**
13	**14** Invite families to share their holiday traditions.*	**15** Encourage non-custodial parent participation within your program.*	**16** Partner with families to co-plan a provider-based family event.*	**17** National Bake Cookies Day Bake cookies, or create cookies using craft items.	**18** Teach children how to take deep, calming breaths when big feelings get overwhelming.	**19**
20	**21** Winter Solstice 	**22** Use colored paper to create holiday lights with each child's name.	**23**  Full Cold Moon. Learn why it's called a Cold Moon.	**24** Ensure staff receive support needed to maintain their well-being and mental health.*	**25** Christmas Day Chanukah (Hanukkah) begins	**26** Kwanzaa begins 
27	**28** Share with families the Facebook Group, Community Inclusion for All.*	**29** Chose a winter outdoor activity to do with kids from Project Learning Tree.	**30** Make Cut Out Snowflakes Day	**31** Read books with kids about traveling and the different modes of transportation.	Staying healthy begins with handwashing. If you have questions or concerns about handwashing procedures, please contact your **regional OCDEL office**.	

*Recommendations from the **Pennsylvania Family Engagement Framework**