

# DECEMBER



## Gross motor skills

- Symmetric movement by making snow angels
- Pulling a peer on a sled

## Pre-reading Skills

- Repeating the words to common nursery rhymes and songs (3.10 phonological awareness)
- Identifying the first letter of our names using letter blocks and magnets (3.11 letter recognition)

## Math Skills

- Counting in play and in daily experiences such as counting toys/peers (4.12 counting)
- Identifying objects in terms of bigger and smaller, taller and shorter (4.11 seriating)

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## How does learning happen?

Cognitive research points to the role of pretend play in literacy acquisition. Symbolic play requires children to determine tasks and goals, to carry them out, and provides opportunities for narrative recall and use of complex language.

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## Important Dates:

Dec 14 - Family event

Dec 06 and 20 - In the mix

Dec 24 & Dec 31: Centre closes at 2:00pm

Dec 25 - 26: Christmas /Boxing Day  
(Centre closed)

## Ideas to do at home:

Wreaths are a traditional and good way of welcoming visitors at this time of year. Look out for cones and greenery during a winter walk- or in your own backyard.

