# **From the Speech Room**

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# Happy Holidays!!!



## Did you know that?

Winter is a great time of year to encourage reading. Start a new routine of reading with your child before bed every evening. Allow your child the ability to pick out the book, read it out loud together, take turns reading or read it to them. Ask questions along the way, such as, Where did the story take place? Who is the main character? What is the story trying to tell us? Ask them if they liked the story or not and why? Encourage them to tell you back the story in their own words. If you own a computer, there are many free stories to be found on-line, many have activities to go along with them. The more we read with our children, the bigger their vocabulary will become which, in turn, will allow them to be better readers, writers, and accomplished students.

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#### THEMES/UNITS

Traditions of Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah

Winter Sports

**Opposite words – hot/cold, winter/summer, freeze/melt** 

#### **Suggested Vocabulary**

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Frigid Ornament

**Blizzard** Celebration

### Things to do at home

- 1. Let your child help decorate for the holidays, create a holiday craft together.
- Plan an outdoor activity together, such as, ice-skating, sledding, skiing, or simply building a snowman together.
- 3. Do some holiday shopping together, such as, picking out a gift together for a family member.

### **BOOKS**

**Dream Snow** – by Eric Carle

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Li'l Rabbit's Kwanzaa by Donna L. Washington

**Grover's Eight Nights of Light** by Jodie Shepherd

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