



Calendar of Ideas – Dec 2016

ART - ORANGE GREEN - SCIENCE BLUE - LITERACY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Words of the Week</p> <p>Resolution- a promise to yourself that you will make a serious effort to do something that you should do.</p> <p>Goal- something that you are trying to do or achieve.</p>	<p>Read with Your Child.</p> <p>Recommended readings this week: <i>Squirrel's New Year's Resolution</i> by Pat Miller; <i>The Night Before New Year's</i> by Natasha Wing; <i>Amazing Grace</i> by Mary Hoffman; <i>There</i> by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick; <i>The Bee Tree</i> by Patricia Polacco.</p> 	<p>Confetti Collage.</p> <p>Help your child rip up pieces of colored tissue paper and/or tinsel. Provide your child with a piece of poster or construction paper and glue to create confetti artwork to ring in the new year.</p> 	<p>Set Goals.</p> <p>Talk with your child about goals that you can work towards together for the new year. Write the goal on a sheet of construction paper and draw a smiley face (or add a sticker) each time you complete your task. Example goals: Read a book before bedtime, eat healthy snacks, active play for 30 minutes a day.</p>	<p>Sing a Song.</p> <p>Happy New Year! (Tune: <i>Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes</i>)</p> <p>There 's a new year on the way, On the way! There 's a new year on the way, On the way! Let 's celebrate the year and give a cheer! (Say, "Hooray!") There 's a new year on the way, On the way!</p> <p>Source: http://www.childcarelounge.com/season-theme/new-year.php</p>	<p>Noisemaker Painting.</p> <p>Use your New Year's noisemakers to make art. Dip the noisemaker into paint and have your child blow the noisemaker onto a piece of paper. Talk with your child about the unique markings created by their unconventional tool. Side note: Parents may want to cover the activity area with a plastic tablecloth for easy clean up.</p> <p>Source: http://www.childcarelounge.com/season-theme/new-year.php</p>	<p>Dance Party!</p> <p>Have your child select their favorite music and clear a spot in the house to start dancing in the new year. Freestyle or create a special family dance to become all the craze for next year.</p> 