









# January 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b></p> <p><b>KWANZAA</b></p> <p><b>OECC CLOSED</b></p>	2	<p>3 Kids Pinecone Craft, Schoepfle Garden, 11-12, pinecone animals crafts, wildlife lesson</p>	<p>4  OberlinKids Playgroup 9:30 - 10:30am @ Oberlin Depot</p>	<p>5 Baby Palooza, Stories, songs, bounces, fingerplays, 10:15-11am, Elyria Central Library, 0-36 months.</p>	6
7	8	9	<p>10 Toddler Storytime, OPL, 10:30am, stories &amp; songs, 2-3 yr olds.</p>	11	12	<p>13 Oberlin Community Services, Food Distribution, 10:30am-1:00pm</p>
14	<p>15</p> <p><i>I Have A Dream</i></p>  <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p> <p>Oberlin City Schools Closed</p>	<p>16</p> <p>OPL Pre-K Storytime @ OECC 10:30am</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Toddler Storytime, OPL, 10:30am, stories &amp; songs, 2-3 yr olds.</p> 	<p>18  OberlinKids Playgroup 9:30 - 10:30am @ Oberlin Depot</p> <hr/> <p>OPL toddler Storytime @ OECC, 10:30am</p>	19	20
21	<p>22</p> <p>Pre-K Dalcroze</p>  <p>11:00-12:00</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Explore-A-Story, LaGrange Library, 10:30-11:30 stories, activities, craft, 0-5 yrs</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Toddler Storytime, OPL, 10:30am, stories &amp; songs, 2-3 yr olds.</p> 	25	26	<p>27 <b>WINTER DAYS</b> 11-3, Vermilion Res. ice carving, sled dogs, sleigh rides, snowshoeing, ice fishing, live music, hearthside cooking</p>
28	<p>29</p> <p>Pre-K Dalcroze</p>  <p>11:00-12:00</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Pre-K Field Trip The Music Settlement @ the Bop Stop</p>	<p>31 Ice Age Explorers 10-11, Vermilion Res. Kids/adult construct life-sized Woolly Mammoth, craft, story pre-reg by 1/29 (free)</p>			

# The Reggio Way

## Provocations



A provocation is just that; it provokes. It provokes thoughts, discussions, questions, theories, ideas, interests and creativity. Provocations come in many different shapes and sizes. They may be as simple as an interesting book or picture, or a common household item, they might be a treasure found in

nature or an ordinary item displayed in an extraordinary way. The intention of a provocation is to provide an invitation for a child to explore and express themselves. It should have no prescribed outcome, but allow for freedom of expression and creativity. Most often provocations are simple and displayed in a beautiful way to entice interest. This interest may last for a day or for weeks. Teachers observe the children as they experience the provocation. It may answer questions from the teacher as to what children may or may not know. Teachers incorporate provocations into their everyday environment and use them as a tool to learn about the children.

Keep your eyes open for small provocations set up in the lobby. You may ask yourself, how could my child use these materials? What could he learn? How could I extend this at home? Allow your child to explore the materials freely. Try refraining from giving direction. Ask, what can you make with these?



## Cold Weather Fun!

Cold weather offers great ways to have family fun INDOORS. Preferably, children should get 60 minutes of physical activity daily. The following are just a few ideas of ways to play together and move more:

**Create an obstacle course** with pillows, open boxes, and hula-hoops. Tape down string or yarn for a makeshift balance beam.

**Turn up the music and dance.** Swing your arms like a conductor. Move to the music like a cat, bird, horse, bug or elephant.

**Act out a story.** Read a book together and make up movements to give the story action.

**Make whole-wheat bread, soft pretzels, or pizza.** Knead, shape and roll the dough to work those arm muscles.



**Scavenger Hunt.** Take any theme, such as patterns, letters, or colors and hunt around the house. Crawl around, reach up high, and get down low!