



# NEW HORIZONS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL INFANT/TODDLER **DECEMBER MONTHLY** CALENDAR



**FINE MOTOR:** During the month of December your child will be working on their fine motor skills by painting holiday colors and working on bouncing and catching balls.

**LANGUAGE:** Language development will include learning names in our family and the friends in our classroom. The colors we will be working on are green, blue and red.






**MATHEMATICS:** The shapes of the month are the star and triangle. The children will be working on positional words like near and far.

**SOCIAL/SCIENCE:** Our little ones will be working on table manners and sitting at the table. The children will also be working on a special surprise for their parents. SHHH!  
No questions please!!!!

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM FOR SIGN UP SHEETS FOR OUR HOLIDAY SNACK.**



## DECEMBER 2014

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Holidays Around the World 	1	2	3	4 SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS DUE	5 
Holidays Around the World 	8	9 <b>TOY DRIVE</b>	10	11	12
Gift Making 	15	16	17	18 Pizza Day  Wear your green NH T-shirt	19 Wear Your Favorite Holiday Colors
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED DEC. 22nd, 2014 THROUGH JAN. 2nd, 2015</b> <b>CLASSES RESUME MONDAY JANUARY 5th, 2015</b>	22 /	23 /	24 /	25 /	26 /
	29	30	31	1/1	1/2



## HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE December 1st – 5th

We look forward to brightening this season for children of need through our Holiday Toy Drive. You and your child can enjoy the true spirit of the season by purchasing a toy appropriate for your child's age and gender and dropping it off in our lobby or great room. All unwrapped gifts should be donated no later than the morning of **Friday, December 5th**. We know we can count on your support.



*The Staff of  
New Horizons  
want to wish all our  
families a*

***Happy and Safe Holiday Season!***

***Just a reminder!!!***

**Our 1st day back after  
Winter Break will be Monday,  
January 5th, 2015**



## HEALTH WATCH

The fall and winter months seem to bring an endless parade of colds, flu and ear infections, so we urge you to conscientiously monitor your children's health and be sure to keep them home if symptoms appear. Students who experience vomiting, diarrhea or fever will be sent home as soon as possible to limit exposure to the rest of the class.

**Children with a fever may not return for at least 24 hours.**

Often an extra day at home makes the difference between really getting well or having a relapse. We want everyone to stay healthy in the months ahead!



**FOCUS ON  
FUNDAMENTALS  
The Gift of Laughter**

Humor is an important part of our everyday lives. As a form of intellectual play, it grows more sophisticated with age. The kind of humor children express depends, in part, on the level of cognitive development they have achieved.

A child first experiences humor in the second year of life in the context of playing with objects. A 3-year old usually thinks it's hilarious to give objects or events names that she or he knows are incorrect. Most 4 year olds laugh at objects primarily on the basis of their appearance such as a drawing of a car with square tires.

Most 3-5 year olds don't understand many of the jokes, riddles or puns that seem funny to older children.

Humor is more than just a chuckle or a belly laugh. It releases pent-up energy and permits the expression of ideas and feelings. Growing up is stressful and good mental health which includes a sense of humor—shows children how to cope with sources of conflict and distress.



## Our Thanks to All – Share your Cupboard

Your generous donations to our canned food drive made this year's effort the best ever. Bill Lang sponsors this event for us along with the Neighborhood Senior Center and the Good Sheppard Center. With your contributions they are able to make up food baskets to help many of our local elderly and needy families in the area. Because of your kindness there were many full tummies for Thanksgiving and the weeks to follow.



## TAX SEASON

**New Horizons Federal Tax I.D. # is  
59-3327147**

**Please contact the office by  
December 17th for a year end statement. Statements  
will be done on a request only basis.**

***And what is the most joyful sound in the world—  
A child's laughter.***