



**NEW HORIZONS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL**  
**FULL DAY PRE K'S**  
**DECEMBER MONTHLY CALENDAR**



**FINE MOTOR:** During the month of December your child will be working on their fine motor skills by tracing letters, shapes and cutting on a curve. We will fine tune our artistic abilities by painting on the easel.  
**LANGUAGE:** Language development will include learning how this holiday season is celebrated in other lands. We will be working on story recall, concepts of print, rhyming, dictation and the use of the class dictionary. You can help reinforce comprehension by asking Who & What questions during and after you read a story. The students will continue to review their positional words and we will add “near and far”. The colors for the month are green, blue and red.

**MATHEMATICS:** The students will be working on ordinal numbers, environmental numbers, dates, pricing, the # number zero and telling time. The students will be graphing and estimating quantities. We will review combining, separating and problem solving. Sets of 6,7,8,9,10 will be introduced.





**SOCIAL/SCIENCE:** As part of our Holidays Around the World we will be discussing how children of other lands celebrate. The Pre K students will be reviewing globes and maps to help them better understand the world around us. The students will review the seasons and different temperatures around the world. 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 2015**



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Holidays Around the World – Traveling the World – Different Homes Around the World		1	2	3 SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS DUE	4 
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Traveling the World - Holidays Around the World/Globes	7	8	9	10	11
Gift Making 	14	15	16	17 Pizza Day! Wear your green NH shirt. Roller Skating 	18 Wear Your Favorite Holiday Colors
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED DEC. 21nd, 2015 THROUGH JAN. 1st, 2016</b>  <b>CLASSES RESUME MONDAY JANUARY 4th, 2016</b>	21 /	22 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	23 /	24 /	25 /
	28	29	30	31	1/1
<b>JANUARY 2016</b>	4 1ST DAY BACK Non /Vpk Day	5	6	7	8



## HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE November 30th thru December 4th

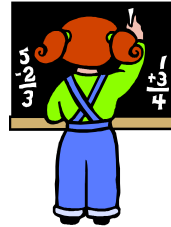
We look forward to brightening this season for children of need through our Holiday Toy Drive. You and your child can enjoy the true spirit of the season by purchasing a toy appropriate for your child's age and gender and dropping it off in our lobby or great room. All unwrapped gifts should be donated no later than the morning of **Friday, December 4th**



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

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

### **Just a Reminder for our Voluntary Pre K students.**



Monday, January 4th, 2016 is a Non-VPK day. Student absences will not be counted.

**However, our 1st day back will be Monday, January 4th for all students who need child care.**



## 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!



## 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.

## 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.

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