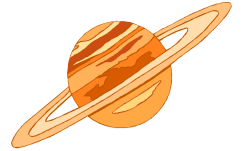




## NEW HORIZONS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL HALF DAY VOLUNTARY PRE KINDERGARTEN JANUARY MONTHLY CALENDAR



**FINE MOTOR:** During the month of January your child will be working on their fine motor skills by lacing, painting on an easel, buttoning, zipping, snapping and tying their shoes. The Writing Center will be a focus for this month encouraging writing of first and last names.







**LANGUAGE:** Our Language curriculum will include the introduction of upper and lower case letters. We will continue to encourage the use of expanded vocabulary. The concept of print will be reviewed as well as working on story recall. The letter sounds of the month are I & Z.

**MATHEMATICS:** In Math we will be reviewing ordinal numbers and environmental numbers—dates, price and time. Graphing will continue this month as well as making sets of 6,7,8,9,10. As part of our Math experience we will be combining, separating and problem solving using math objects. As part of the solar system we will be weighing and measuring. The students have been counting all year and we will be celebrating 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL on January 24, 2014.

**SOCIAL/SCIENCE:** In our Social Studies we will be covering space travel including the Solar System. January is a perfect time to discuss different types of weather including ice and snow. As a review we will re-introduce globes and maps. We will also be introducing the Seven Continents. The students will be discussing types of attire that we wear during the different Seasons.



# HALF DAY VPK - JANUARY 2014

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>School Closed - Winter Break</b> 	12/30 School Closed	12/31 School Closed	1 School Closed	2 School Closed	3 School Closed
Review of rules and knowledge we have learned. Intro to Upper and Lower Case Letters.	6  dance	7  gym	8	9	10
Ice and Snow—Intro to Upper and Lower Case Letters. <b>Letter I</b> 	13  dance	14  gym	15	16 Pizza Day & Skating Wear your green shirt  	17 <b>School closed</b>
Zipping through the Solar System. <b>Letter Z</b>	20 School Closed MLK Day	21  gym	22	23	24 100 Days of School
The Seven Continents 100 Days 1/24/14 Ground Hog Day 2/2/14  	27  dance	28  gym	29	30	31

## TAX SEASON



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

*Please contact the office for a year end statement.*

*Statements will be done on a request only basis.*

### When Your Child Comes Home MESSY.....

Red paint in the hair? Blue paint on the jeans? Sand in the shoes? Peanut butter on the favorite shirt? White socks look brown? Sleeves a little damp?

#### **YOUR CHILD probably.....**

Worked with a friend  
Solved a problem  
Created a masterpiece  
Negotiated a difference  
Learned a new skill  
Had a great time  
Developed new language skills

#### **YOUR CHILD probably didn't....**

Feel lonely  
Become bored  
Do repetitive tasks that are too babyish  
Do worksheet tasks that are too easy  
Do sit-down work that is discouraging

#### **YOU probably....**

Paid good money for those clothes  
Will have trouble getting the red paint out  
Are concerned that the caregiver isn't paying enough attention to your child

#### **THE CAREGIVER probably....**

Was aware of your child's needs and interests  
Spent time planning a challenging activity for the children  
Encouraged the children to try new things  
Put smocks on the children  
Was worried that you might be concerned

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## NEW HORIZONS' TOY DRIVE



Many thanks to all our parents and staff who contributed to our annual toy drive. This act of kindness really helps your child enjoy the true spirit of the season.

### KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY ORIENTATION

Now is the time for parents to take the opportunity to learn about New Horizons' Kindergarten and Elementary Program for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in our Kindergarten program please contact the office at 785-8591 to set up an appointment with Kim Trocin to discuss your child's educational goals.

### FOCUS ON FUNDAMENTALS

#### **On the Road Again**

This month your Preschoolers will be taking a look at the world of transportation. It is always an active unit which finds the kids "flying, sailing and driving all around the classroom."

Have you ever thought about how much time you and your child spend in transit each day? With a little planning, your journeys can become shared moments of fun and learning. As you proceed on your errands, read signs around you. Help orient your child by pointing out stores and streets you pass along the way.

After a busy day at school, your child may need a break from the hustle of the schedule. Bring along a light snack or something cool to drink for the trip home. Usually it's a good idea to take a little quiet break before you begin discussing the day's events or focusing on the next stop.

On days when neither of you feels like talking, a couple of sing-along-songs or story book CD, kept in an activity bag, will come in handy.

Games like I Spy, searching for animals, counting colored cars, matching design shapes, looking for out-of state license plates, or inventing rhymes amuse away the miles.