



**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 O & S.

**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 8th, 2016.

**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 2016



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Review of rules and knowledge we have learned. Intro to Upper and Lower Case Letters.	4 School Closed	5 gym	6	7 soccer	8 100 Days of School
Letter O Ocean Animals 	11 dance	12 gym	13	14 soccer	15
The Solar System-Life in Space Letter S 	18 School Closed MLK Day	19 gym	20	21  Pizza Day & Skating Wear your green shirt  soccer	22
The Seven Continents and The Animals that live on them 	25 dance	26 gym	27	28 soccer	29



## 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.*

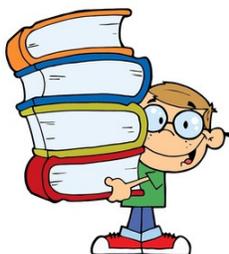
## NEW HORIZONS' TOY DRIVE



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.



## Make Reading a Habit at Home:

Research shows that children who read books for just 20 minutes a day perform better in school. Here are some great ways to get your child reading!

1. **Set aside a reading time.** Pick a reading time that is good for everyone. It might be before bedtime or even after homework.
2. **Pick a reading place.** It is important that everyone is comfortable so they can enjoy the book. Try reading in the living room, or maybe the dinner table works best.
3. **Read together.** One person can read the book, or people can take turns.
4. **Involve and engage listeners.** Before you read, point to the book's title, author, and illustrator. Ask listeners, "What do they think the story is going to be about?" As you read, you can ask your family members what they think will happen next. And be sure to engage listeners with exciting voices!
5. **Fill your home with reading materials.** Place books, magazines, newspapers, cookbooks and more throughout the house so your child is surrounded by things to read.
6. **Get caught reading yourself.** When your child sees you read, she will be inspired to read.
7. **Older siblings read to younger siblings.** By reading to a younger sibling, the reader will gain confidence.
8. **Start seasonal traditions.** Pick a book to read every year when your child goes back to school. You can also read the same special book during a holiday.
9. **Keep favorite books around.** It can be comforting for a new reader to build confidence and fluency by

## 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.