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<td>Read a Winter or holiday story.</td>
<td>Talk about holidays. Why are they special? Name different holidays with your child.</td>
<td>1 Help someone make a salad for dinner. Name the vegetables.</td>
<td>2 Sing 5 little bells (see page 2)</td>
<td>3 Take different sized containers to the bathtub. Practice dumping and filling.</td>
<td>4 Make a paper chain. Sort the different colors and talk about them.</td>
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<td>Cut sponges into holiday shapes such as trees, bells and stars.</td>
<td>Help your child make holiday gift wrap. (see page 2)</td>
<td>Wash out painting sponges and use for bath time play.</td>
<td>8 Work on cutting skills with catalogs and newspapers. Make a wish list.</td>
<td>19 Make a holiday card to send to someone special.</td>
<td>10 Take a visit to the post office to mail the card.</td>
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<td>Mix dough for cookies. (See page 2)</td>
<td>Roll out cookies, cut into shapes &amp; bake.</td>
<td>First Day of Winter! Practice cutting by making paper snowflakes.</td>
<td>21 Take a drive or walk around the neighborhood to see the decorations.</td>
<td>16 Play “I Spy” say “I see something red” or “green” etc.</td>
<td>17 Let your child help dust and clean.</td>
<td>19 Talk about giving and receiving with your child.</td>
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<td>Recall with your child what was their favorite part of the holiday? Kwanzaa Holiday</td>
<td>Help sort laundry by colors and matches.</td>
<td>Help your child draw thank you notes for gifts.</td>
<td>23 Watch a favorite holiday or winter themed story with your child. Talk about your favorite parts.</td>
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<td>31 New Year’s Eve! Build a snowman together.</td>
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LET THEM DO IT

LET THEM SING
“FIVE LITTLE BELLS”
Five Little Bells Hanging in a Row
The first one said “Ring Me Slow,”
The second one said “Ring Me Fast,”
The third one said “Ring Me Last,”
The fourth one said “Ring Me Like a Chime,”
The fifth one said “Ring Me at Holiday Time.”

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KIDS IN THE KITCHEN
PAINTBRUSH COOKIES

Mix in Bowl:     Stir Together in another bowl:
1/3 cup sugar     2 ¾ cups flour
1/3 cup soft shortening   1 teaspoon soda
2/3 cup honey     1 teaspoon salt
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla

1. Mix dry ingredients in shortening mixture and chill one hour.
2. Lightly grease baking sheet.  Heat oven to 375°
3. Divide dough into 3 portions.  (Use one and refrigerate others)
4. On floured board roll dough to ¼ inch thickness and cut into shapes.
5. Place cookies on baking sheets.  With small paintbrushes paint designs on cookies with egg yolk paint (divide mixture of one egg yolk and ¼ teaspoon water among small cups – add food coloring to each cup).
6. Bake 8 to 10 minutes.  Let cookies cool about 2 minutes on sheet.

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CRAFT CORNER
Cut out small sponges into holiday shapes.  Dip sponges in small bowls of finger paint and have children decorate butcher paper or rolls of newsprint to make their own wrapping paper.

WORDS OF WISDOM:
Although the holiday season can be very hectic take the time to enjoy and appreciate friends and family!

If you have questions or concerns about your child’s development please contact for a free screening.

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