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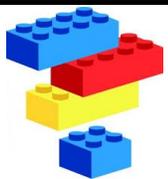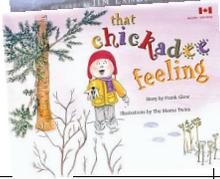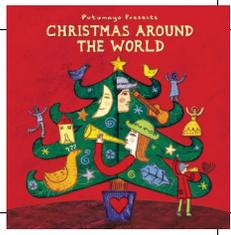
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
"Young children experience their world as an environment of relationships, which affect virtually all aspects of their development." — National Scientific Council on the Developing Child					*1* Let the kids play!	*2* A great day to visit a neighbor! Bring along a cherished storybook to read!
3 **Connect to nature today**… look for Christmas trees in the woods!	*4* R E A D — The Little Fir Tree	*5* Ask your child "*What brings you joy?*"	*6* Ask your child "*What are you thinking about?*"	*7* Ask your child "*What makes you smile?*"	*8* P L A Y	*9* A great day to share photos of past holiday celebrations and traditions.
10 **Connect to nature today**… go on a hike and bring birdseed!	*11* R E A D — that chickadee feeling	*12* *Movement* is good for the brain: **Let's go sledding!**	*13* *Movement* is good for the brain: **Let's go skating!**	*14* *Movement* is good for the brain: **Let's go hiking!**	*15*	*16* A great day to bake some cookies and read the recipe aloud together.
17	*18* Celebrate with Christmas music from many cultures and languages…	*19* S I N G — A Family Christmas	*20* S I N G — Christmas Around the World	*21* Slow down and relax! Share the **gift of conversation.**	*22* Slow down and relax! Share the **gift of singing.**	*23* Slow down and relax! Share the **gift of reading.**
24 **Breathe!**	*25* Merry Christmas Everybody!	*26* Share a book with your child, every day this week.	*27* Snuggle up, and slow down when you share books.	*28* Read when both you and your child are in a good mood.	*29* Re-read the most favorite books again and again!	*30* Happy New Year, Spot! Eric Hill
31	When we recognize and build on the strengths of families and the love they have for their children, everyone benefits. How can we engage with families as co-learners about and with their children? — How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years					