December Activity Calendar

"I never thought it was such a bad little tree. It’s not bad at all, really. Maybe it just needs a little love.”
— Linus Van Pelt (A Charlie Brown Christmas)

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**Sunday, December 4**
- **Cookie Day:** Host a cookie swap in your library and sweeten the deal by displaying cookie-themed books.

**Monday, December 5**
- **Computer Science Education Week:** Facilitate computer science activities from CS Ed Week.

**Tuesday, December 6**
- **Happy Book Birthday to Dark on Light:** by Dianne White, illustrated by Felicity Sala.

**Wednesday, December 7**
- **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day:** Share more about this moment in history from National Geographic Kids.

**Thursday, December 8**
- **Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day:** Display books from various time periods to inspire kids to draw themselves living in that moment.

**Friday, December 9**
- **On this day in 1965, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" premiered on television in the United States.** Watch this iconic movie and hand out the audience participation guide from PEANUTS.

**Saturday, December 10**
- **Dewey Decimal System Day:** On this date in 1851, Melville Dewey was born. Celebrate his ingenious system by organizing a fun activity from Staying Cool in the Library.

**Sunday, December 11**
- **Read Tomie dePaola’s Legend of the Poinsettia, which retells a traditional folktale from Mexico about the poinsettia.**

**Monday, December 12**
- **Happy Early Book Birthday to How We Say I Love You:** by Nicole Chen, illustrated by Lenny Wen.

**Tuesday, December 13**
- **Happy Book Birthday to On the Corner of Chocolate Avenue:** How Milton Hershey Brought Milk Chocolate to America by Tziporah Cohen, illustrated by Steven Selena.

**Wednesday, December 14**
- **Christmas Bird Count begins today.** Read Counting Birds: An Idea That Helped Save Our Feathered Friends by Heidi E.Y. Stemple, illustrated by Clover Robin.

**Thursday, December 15**
- **Bill of Rights Day:** Challenge kids to name as many amendments as they can and come up with their own “Library Bill of Rights.”

**Friday, December 16**
- **Las Posadas:** Read The Night of Las Posadas by Tomie dePaola and share Christmas-tastic Fun from FluentU to bring this Latin American holiday tradition to life.

**Saturday, December 17**
- **Wright Brothers Day:** Watch Orville and Wilbur Wright make the first, controlled, sustained flight with the Wright flyer.

**Sunday, December 18**
- **Hanukkah Begins:** Read The Story of Hanukkah by David A. Adler, illustrated by Jill Weber.

**Monday, December 19**
- **Eve Bunting’s Birthday:** Celebrate this author’s birthday by reading The Wall, illustrated by Ronald Himler.

**Tuesday, December 20**
- **On this day in 1812, “Grimms’ Fairy Tales” was first published.** Ask kids to write their own version of a popular fairy tale.

**Wednesday, December 21**
- **Winter Solstice:** Use the first day of winter to help kids graph snowfall amounts in various places around the globe.

**Thursday, December 22**
- **Take a break from all the holiday stress by coordinating one of the 31+ Festive Holiday STEM Activities for Kids from Hess Un-Academy.**

**Friday, December 23**
- **Bingo’s Birthday Month:** Print off My Free Bingo Cards to host a few rounds of this wildly popular game.

**Saturday, December 24**
- **Christmas Eve:** Read ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore and use the Novel Effect app to bring this joyful story to life.

**Sunday, December 25**
- **Christmas:** Spread Deckawoo Drive holiday cheer by reading A Very Mercy Christmas by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Chris Van Dusen.

**Monday, December 26**
- **Kwanzaa Begins:** Dive into this joyous holiday with 7 Kwanzaa Activities for Elementary Students from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

**Tuesday, December 27**
- **Visit the Zoo Day:** Take kids on a virtual zoo visit to some of the world’s coolest zoos and animal sanctuaries.

**Wednesday, December 28**
- **Pledge of Allegiance Day:** Read I Pledge Allegiance by Pat Mora and Libby Martinez, illustrated by Patrice Barton.

**Thursday, December 29**
- **Tick Tock Day:** With only two days left in the year, ask kids to write down things they want to do before the first. Time is running out!

**Friday, December 30**
- **Prepare to celebrate New Year’s Eve by sharing 17 New Year’s Activities for Kids from Romper.**

**Saturday, December 31**
- **New Year’s Eve:** Can’t make it to midnight? Follow the countdown of another country where New Year’s Day arrives earlier. Find a recipe for a popular local dish in that country that families can make together.