



# NEW HORIZONS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL TWO'S DECEMBER MONTHLY CALENDAR



**FINE MOTOR:** During the month of December your child will be working on their fine motor skills by cutting and painting at the easel. The colder weather gives us a great opportunity to help our students learn how to zip and button their sweaters and jackets.

**LANGUAGE:** Language development will include learning how this holiday season is celebrated in other lands. We will be working on story recall and concepts of print. We will continue to review positional words and work on following verbal commands and adding the concept of near and far. The colors for the month are green, blue and red.

**MATHEMATICS:** The students will be working on graphing and patterns. Our math skills will involve combining, “how many” and problem solving. The students will be introduced to the concept of combining numbers and making sets of objects. Our shape for the month is a star.

**SOCIAL/SCIENCE:** As part of our Holidays Around the World we will be discussing how children of other lands celebrate. The children will also be working on a special surprise for their parents. SHHH! No questions please!!!!



**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM FOR SIGN UP SHEETS FOR OUR HOLIDAY SNACK.**

## DECEMBER 2015

|   | MONDAY                               | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--|--|
| Holidays Around the World<br>  |                                      | 1       | 2         | 3<br>SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS DUE  | 4<br> |
| Holidays Around the World<br>  | 7                                    | 8       | 9         | 10   | 11   |
| Gift Making<br>                | 14                                   | 15      | 16        | 17<br>Pizza Day<br>Wear your green NH T-shirt<br> | 18<br>Wear Your Favorite Holiday Colors  |
| <b>SCHOOL CLOSED DEC. 21st 2015 THROUGH JAN. 1st, 2016</b><br><br><b>CLASSES RESUME Monday, January 4th, 2016</b> | 21<br>/                              | 22<br>/ | 23<br>/   | 24<br>/  | 25<br>/  |
|   | 28                                   | 29      | 30        | 31   | 1/1  |
| <b>JANUARY 2016</b>   | 4<br>1st Day Back After Winter Break | 5       | 6         | 7  | 8  |



## HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE November 30th-December 4th

We look forward to brightening this season for children of need through our Holiday Toy Drive. You and your child can enjoy the true spirit of the season by purchasing a toy appropriate for your child's age and gender and dropping it off in our lobby or great room. All unwrapped gifts should be donated no later than the morning of

**Friday, December 4th**

We know we can count on your support.



## HEALTH WATCH

The fall and winter months seem to bring an endless parade of colds, flu and ear infections, so we urge you to conscientiously monitor your children's health and be sure to keep them home if symptoms appear. Students who experience vomiting, diarrhea or fever will be sent home as soon as possible to limit exposure to the rest of the class.

**Children with a fever may not return for at least 24 hours.**

Often an extra day at home makes the difference between really getting well or having a relapse. We want everyone to stay healthy in the months ahead!



## Our Thanks to All – Share your Cupboard

Your generous donations to our canned food drive made this year's effort the best ever. Bill Lang sponsors this event for us along with the Neighborhood Senior

Center and the Good Sheppard Center. With your contributions they are able to make up food baskets to help many of our local elderly and needy families in the area.

Because of your kindness there were many full tummies for Thanksgiving and the weeks to follow.



## TAX SEASON

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

Please contact the office by  
December 17th for a year end statement. Statements  
will be done on a request only basis.



*The Staff of  
New Horizons  
want to wish all our  
families a*

*Happy and Safe Holiday Season!*

**Just a reminder !!!  
Our 1st day back after Winter  
Break will be  
Monday, January 4th, 2016**



**FOCUS ON  
FUNDAMENTALS  
The Gift of Laughter**

Humor is an important part of our everyday lives. As a form of intellectual play, it grows more sophisticated with age. The kind of humor children express depends, in part, on the level of cognitive development they have achieved.

A child first experiences humor in the second year of life in the context of playing with objects. A 3-year old usually thinks it's hilarious to give objects or events names that she or he knows are incorrect. Most 4 year olds laugh at objects primarily on the basis of their appearance such as a drawing of a car with square tires.

Most 3-5 year olds don't understand many of the jokes, riddles or puns that seem funny to older children.

Humor is more than just a chuckle or a belly laugh. It releases pent-up energy and permits the expression of ideas and feelings. Growing up is stressful and good mental health which includes a sense of humor—shows children how to cope with sources of conflict and distress.

*And what is the most joyful sound in the world—  
A child's laughter.*