

December 2023 PACE Homeschool Newsletter

December Dates to Remember

- 1st All PACE offices close at 1pm
- 8th MLC Ugly Sweater Bowling by *RSVP only*
*look for email to reserve your spot
- 15th-18th KLC Holiday Ornament Craft 10:30am-2:00pm
- 25th All PACE offices closed
- 26th-27th ALC Closed
- Jan 1st All PACE offices closed

*Dec 18th-29th All PACE office will be operating on Holiday hours. Please call prior to visiting your local office.





December Teacher Tip: Holiday Hints

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I don't know about you, but when I looked at my to-do list for December, our family calendar, and then our lesson plans, I quickly got overwhelmed! I reached out to Google and my fellow PACE Contact Teachers for some helpful tips and wanted to share our collective suggestions. Wishing you a stress-free and enjoyable December!

- Read! Read together, read individually, read as many books as you can!
 - This year we are challenging ourselves to read ALL of the holiday books in our Children's Room at the library.
 - Last year we did a used book exchange with friends instead of new gifts. It was a great way to share our favorite stories.
- Customize a unit for December. You could focus on a specific holiday (origin and traditions), winter animals (reindeer!) or even seasons (great time to talk about Winter Solstice!).
- Study one subject per week. What additional activities could you include to enhance a topic? Go sledding and talk about friction or force. Letters to Santa or thank you cards could be useful creative writing activities. Shoveling the driveway could be a fun (okay, maybe just useful) PE activity. Baking cookies is great for math and reading comprehension.
- Catch up on projects. I've been saving some Science activities that needed a little more time and Art will definitely take center stage this month with holiday crafts.
- Traveling? Check out audiobooks or podcasts! You might be able to find narrated versions of some of your books, or check out new stories. There are some great podcasts for kids and families.
- Mix it up with some holiday printables. There are some great online (free!) resources available. I've got quite a few math worksheets and activities ready to roll.
- Be flexible! Give yourself some grace, schedule days off, and just take time to breath and enjoy!

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Ugly Sweater Bowling

Grab your ugliest sweater and join the MatSu staff for a day of fun bowling!!

Location: North Bowl located at 3250 E Palmer-Wasilla Hwy, Wasilla
Date: Friday, December 8th
Time: 1pm-3pm

****Slots are limited, so Reservations are required
NO LATER than December 4th ****



This event is free to PACE students and their family members.

****Parents are required to stay with their student(s).**