Here are some ideas and activities to try this week with your child. These five practices are designed to help your child develop literacy skills, engage your child, and enhance the bonds between you.

**READ**

- **Over the River & Through the Wood: a Holiday Adventure** by Linda Ashman
- **Llama Llama Holiday Drama** by Anna Dewdney
- **Pete the Cat Saves Christmas** by Eric Litwin
- **The Joyful Book** by Todd Parr
- **Seven Candles for Kwanzaa** by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- **Construction Site on Christmas Night** by Sherri Duskey Rinker and AG Ford
- **Bear Stays up for Christmas** by Karma Wilson
- **How do Dinosaurs Say Happy Chanukah?** by Jane Yolen

**SING**

Sing and dance to the following holiday themed songs:
- 5 Gingerbread Men
- Candle Chase
- Kwanzaa is Here
- North Pole Freeze Dance
- Reindeer Pokey
- Shake Them Santa Claus Bones
- Shapes On the Christmas Tree

**TALK**

Talk about family traditions you'll celebrate this month. Look at photos from previous years and talk about things you might do again this year.

**WRITE**

Make holiday cards for loved ones. Decorate the front and write a message (or draw a picture message) inside.

Pour sprinkles onto a cookie sheet. Use your finger to draw letters in the sprinkles.

**PLAY**

Make a gingerbread house using graham crackers, frosting, and candy.

Play "Pin the nose on the reindeer."
Draw a reindeer on a large piece of paper. Blindfold participants and have them place their nose on the paper using tape.