

Reading Tips for the Holidays and Vacation

The holiday season is the PERFECT time of year to sneak in some reading and writing practice. Even with the break from the classroom, children still have many opportunities for learning. Here are a handful of ways your child can practice reading and writing during the holidays.

Writing:

Write a last minute letter to Santa if your family celebrates Christmas.

Write a list of things they are most thankful for.

Write thank you letters.

Make a holiday card; there's still time to mail a New Year's card.

Write in your journal.

Reading:

Share a holiday book together.

Visit our local library, the Atheneum.

Fourth and Fifth graders will have time to enjoy a book from the *Massachusetts Children's Book Award* list. The Atheneum has all the titles available.

Print out directions for a winter or holiday craft, and have your child read them as you work to complete the craft together.

Listen to an audiobook anywhere- in the car or on a plane.

If traveling, visit a museum and read the signs at the various exhibits.

Find a holiday songbook or print out the lyrics to several favorite carols. Whether you go caroling or simply sing together at home, allow your child to read and sing the words.

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