Holiday Greetings!

December can be stressful and frantic for many families, but spending time cuddled up together reading a good book can be very relaxing. Finding time to make reading a part of this busy season can be difficult. Here are some fun literacy activities that can become part of your holiday traditions.

* Create personalized bookmarks as gifts for family and friends.
* Have your child help with some holiday shopping by writing out the list and then reading it aloud to you as you browse through the store.
* Write a letter to a relative in honor of *Letter Writing Day* on December 7th.
* Your child can read the recipe during holiday baking. While the cookies are baking you can read a book together.
* Learn the lyrics to a new carol and then sing it with family and friends.
* Encourage your child to make holiday gift tags to add to the presents you are giving.
* Give your child a gift certificate to a bookstore so he or she can choose a new book on his or her own. Read the book together.
* Visit the library and pick out some favorites for family reading all season long.

Give the gift of reading! A good book can inspire children, expand their imaginations, and help them become better learners.

\*Some ideas from Reading Is Fundamental