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Happy Holidays!

The InterMountain ESD wishes you and your family a healthy and joyful holiday season!

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Here are some fun learning activities to enjoy with your children this month:

Reading/Acting – read a holiday story and act it out with costumes and props

Baking - make a holiday treat together using measuring/math skills

Crafts – develop creativity and fine motor skills with coloring, cutting and glueing

Multicultural Fun – discover holidays other cultures celebrate during December, find the countries on a globe

Get Outside – take a walk and examine ice crystals or the structure of snowflakes