

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Circle Time	What makes a holiday celebration?	Christmas	Nativity	Different Christmas Traditions	Invent our own holiday
<u>Language and Literacy</u>	Goal: To synthesize what we know about holidays into our own definition of a celebration.	Goal: To introduce the holiday of Christmas and common traditions for celebrating it. Discuss how we celebrate in Sunshiners, including	Goal: To learn the story of the Nativity. Introduce the concept of ritual. Compare storytelling practices from various holidays.	Goal: To learn Christmas traditions from various cultures and countries. Revisit what Ms. Melanie taught us about Australian Christmas.	Goal: Using the definition of a holiday we chose on Monday, create our own. Develop a reason to celebrate, and practices/observances for doing so.
<u>Knowledge and Skills</u>	Compare/contrast those we've studied; make predictions about Xmas.	decorating tree & making gifts.			
<u>Science, Math and Nature, Social and Emotional</u>					
<u>Development</u>	Small group Activities Letter	Small group Activities Tree decorations	Small group Activities Memory game	Small group Activities Tree art project	Small group Activities Montessori cylinders
<u>Small Groups</u> (rotated over the week so each child gets a turn with each group)	Goal: To gain familiarity with letters and their sounds, and words that begin with that letter.	Goal: To make ornaments and decorations for our classroom Christmas tree.	Goal: To recognize and recall, and to follow rules/expectations of game independently.	Goal: Use colorful shapes to create an image of a Christmas tree. Identify various shapes.	Goal: To begin understanding the concept of volume. Make visual comparisons and use spatial reasoning.
<u>Physical development and health</u>	Sensory Table Sand	Play in the Woods	Sensory Table Sand	Play in the Woods	Sensory Table Sand
Gross and fine motor skills	Goal: Sensory experience. Measuring cups and spoons, funnels and containers	Goal: gross motor development, experiences with nature. Collect leaves, seeds.	Goal: Sensory experience. Measuring cups and spoons, funnels and containers	Goal: gross motor development, experiences with nature. Collect leaves, seeds.	Goal: Sensory experience. Measuring cups and spoons, funnels and containers
Classroom Centers	Art Materials Goal: Small muscle development and creative expression using light table and, markers.	Drama Home Center Goal: To give students a chance to practice family living and social interaction scenarios.	Structures Goal: Small and large muscle development. Creative expression. Shape, balance, counting, measurement. Physics principles. Simple Machines.	Music and Movement Goal: Experiments with different sounds and ways your body can move with or without music.	Science Goal: Become familiar with scientific inquiry such as predictions, hypotheses, experimentation.