Meaningful December Traditions for Families
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Traditions gain meaning as you revisit them every year, regardless of what holiday you celebrate. In fact, that's what makes traditions. It can be as simple as having the same breakfast every morning on Christmas, or latkes on the first night of Hannukah. If you do it every year, your children will find pleasure and meaning in it. So if you ask your children what they love most about the holidays, don’t be surprised if they mention little things you’ve barely noticed.

Limit yourself to trying one or two new things this year that you think might make meaning to your family’s holiday. Don’t expect perfection. Don't worry about getting it on Instagram; just enjoy it in the moment. Taking on too much will stress you out and sabotage the meaningful, warm feeling you want for your family. Nobody can spread joy and good cheer when they’re rushing.

Give appreciations with all presents—Help your child write “Appreciations” for each person in the family to go on their gift, as they help you wrap.

Be Kindness Elves—If you can’t resist the Elf on the Shelf, then definitely squelch the idea that the elf is watching your kids to see who’s naughty and nice. Instead, have him do good deeds while the kids are asleep. Tell your kids that the elf loves when THEY do acts of kindness. Let your children be kindness elves, too.

Dreidel Showdown Night—Your family will have a “gelt load” of fun taking part in an annual family dreidel tournament. You don’t even have to be Jewish!

Celebrate snow! - Cut paper snowflakes and tape them to your windows and walls to lure a snow storm. Save them and add more each winter.

Bring the yule green inside—Go on a nature walk to gather greenery together. Bring a thermos of hot chocolate and just enjoy the fresh air.

Let there be light! - Make a menorah together out of clay, spools, or old bolts. Or make candles.

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-Ms. China & Ms. Keyanni

Pixie Butterflies

December is a month to celebrate time with families. We will be using the color, green, red, blue, gold and silver for our artwork and special crafts that our babies will make to take home. It will be a fun month!

The Buttercups will engage in several holiday activities from making Christmas trees and ornaments to creating Holiday themed sensory objects. We will also listen and dance to Christmas music while learning how to use a variety of instruments. Please welcome Ms. Cynthia to our team this month. Happy Holidays!

-Meme, Ms. Megan, & Ms. Graciela

Counting Down To Christmas!
This month Pixie’s will have a variety of winter activities to do and enjoy. We enjoying practicing for our performance at the Winter Showcase coming up on December 16, 2022 at 4:30PM.

- Ms. Vanessa & Ms. Tiara

Elf Butterflies

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Julia Butterflies

Hello Julia Butterfly families. This month we will finish our clothes study as we learn where clothes are made and who helps make them. We will then move on to the garden study where we will learn about what grows in a garden and how to take care of a garden. Please check your child’s file folder daily and make sure there are weather appropriate extra clothes in their cubby in case of spills or accidents.

-Ms. Paige & Ms. Fallon
Ms. Sophia’s Birthday—December 3rd  
Ms. Amy’s 11 Year Anniversary—December 7th  
Ms. Keyanni’s Birthday—December 14th  
WPDN Winter Showcase—December 16th  
Ms. Paige’s Birthday—December 21st  
Closed for Christmas - December 26th-30th  
Ms. Heather’s Birthday—December 27th

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Read a holiday book with your kids every night of the season — If you pack the books away after January 1, and get them out again every December 1, your kids will look forward to these books all year.

Have a card-making party — Even if you haven't sent cards in decades, this is the year to reconnect with folks at a distance. Enjoy making them as a family and let everyone add a loving note.

Make a gingerbread house together — Don't worry what it looks like. The fun is in the doing!

Make ornaments — Decorate felt trees with glitter, cut foil stars, make colorful paper chains. Each year, help each child make a new ornament with his photo and the year. Your box of homemade ornaments will be the kids’ favorite box to open every year.

Take a ritual bath by candlelight —... which is a traditional Yule custom. Add candles or glow-sticks for extra fun.

Write a family holiday letter together —...to send out to your community of friends and family. If the idea of paragraphs is daunting, make it in the form of a list of highlights from each family member, or a newspaper or newsletter. Or skip writing and make a family video to send to all the relatives as your "holiday letter."

Watch a different holiday movie every weekend during the season

Make light in the dark — Line your walk with luminaria -- paper bags weighted with sand, with a candle in each.

Make a treasure map or clues —. .for your kids to follow to find their presents.
Winter Tree Art

Brrrrrr! There’s even a chill of winter in the air here in Florida! This time of the year is short lived for us, but it doesn’t stop us from diving into a fun winter theme filled with lots of learning. Since we don’t get to witness snow for ourselves, much less major transformations of trees, we take the opportunity to learn about how trees change throughout the seasons. After discovering that many trees lose their leaves as temperatures shift, we extended our learning by creating some winter tree art. The best part about this art activity is getting outside and collecting your materials!

What you will need:
- Small Twigs
- Light Blue Construction Paper
- White Paint
- Q-tips
- Glue

Head outside for a quick search for fallen twigs and sticks. Once you have collected your twigs and sticks, you will need to start designing the layout of your wintry tree. Use the glue to glue down the twigs and sticks onto the light blue construction paper. Allow it to fully dry before adding the “snow”.

For the final touch on this winter tree, use a Q-tip to make it snow all around the tree and on the ground too. Do this by dipping the Q-tip into the white paint and dabbing it on the paper.