

# "There's Nothing to Do"

We want your child's brain to stay engaged over the long break. Here are some ideas to beat boredom and help build skills your child needs to succeed.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Have your child make a list of "Five Random Acts of Kindness" that they can do over the winter break. Complete one.	Read a story, make puppets out of paper bags and put on a puppet show.	Help your child plan and write the menu for one meal over break. Make a shopping list.	Read the poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas"	Share memories of a special holiday with your child and help them write and illustrate a story about their favorite memory.	Start reading a story and stop before the end and ask your child to predict the ending. Then finish the story.	Find a cozy place to read a favorite story and have your child retell the story.
Have your child write a note of thanks or gratitude to a friend or relative and mail or give it to them.	Help your child write and illustrate a story about a favorite animal.	Leave clues around the house leading your child on a scavenger hunt for a small prize. Complete the Imagination Scavenger Hunt.	Go on an Alphabet Hunt. Have a family game night. Set up a tournament bracket and compete for prizes.	Write a New Year's Resolution describing a goal your family or your child has for 2017.	Visit the Joplin Public Library.	Find a cozy place to read a favorite story and have your child retell the story.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!