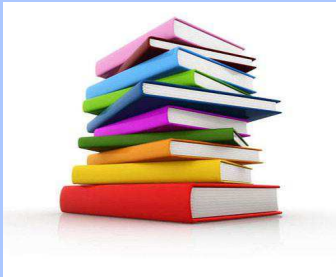




**DECEMBER/JANUARY 2016**

## Seasonal Book Suggestions

Visit your local library to see if they have books available in English. You can also order the books directly through English Studio.



The following books are available through Amazon by clicking on the links. Please call or email for more ordering details!

### A Wish to Be a Christmas Tree

by Colleen Monroe

### The Littlest Elf

by Brandi Dougherty

### The Berenstain Bears and the Joy of Giving

by Jan Berenstain

### The Polar Express

by Chris Van Allsburg

### Squirrel's New Year's Resolution

by Patt Miller

## Advice from Our Teachers

Hello readers! We are happy to present you with the 5<sup>th</sup> issue of "Kids and More". We hope it gives you inspiration and new creative ideas to use with the young children you educate. Every month, we will feature advice from one of our English Studio educators. In this issue, **Marilia** offers the following advice:

"The end of the year is a busy time for everybody, right? Well, not exactly. For children, these are magical times. So why don't we take this opportunity to recall that magic from our childhood? It's a chance to teach and learn from our little ones. You'll be amazed by how young learners engage so naturally when they are learning through something that is all around them: Christmas lights, Santa Claus, Christmas tree and presents, decoration, love celebration, solidarity, family bonds. Furthermore, Christmas and New Year's Eve are the best times to share our hopes and dreams, the perfect occasion to inspire our children to wish for greater things.

Now let's roll up our sleeves and bring that magic to our classrooms."



### **December 25th**

It's Christmas celebration! But the expectations start way before. What a great time to have thematic lessons and bring about children's creativity!

<http://supersimplelearning.com/christmas/>



### **December 22nd**

The coldest season has come. What happens in nature? How do we keep warm?

<http://seasonal.theteacherscorner.net/winter/>



### **December 31st**

New Year's Eve. The last day of the year brings a lot of traditions, fireworks, parties and hopes for the future. What do our students expect from the near future?

<http://seasonal.theteacherscorner.net/new-years/>





## MAKE A HANDPRINT TREE TO DISPLAY STUDENT'S PHOTOS AS "PRECIOUS GIFTS" UNDER THE TREE!



### **MATERIAL:**

- some crayons,
- scissors,
- student's pictures
- present coloring page

### **VOCABULARY:**

Christmas tree, gifts, Christmas lights and Decoration.

### **DIRECTIONS:**

- Trace the child's hands on green paper.
- Cut out the handprints and glue them together with fingertips facing down to form a tree shape (see picture above).
- Glue a brown rectangle trunk
- Decorate with stickers or any other ornaments of your choice
- You can also add the child's name and the year.
- Students color the present and glue their photos on it (you can find a sample of coloring page [here](#))
- Display the gifts with the student's pictures under the tree.

*Tip: If your class is a small one, you can trace the children's hands many times to make a big tree.*

## SINGING TIME



Music is an efficient tool to use in the classroom for young learners developing language skills.

### TEACHING A NEW SONG

Input comes before output. Your students won't sing the songs right away, and remember that the songs with a lot of new vocabulary may need some pre-teaching. You can pre-teach words by using drawings, flashcards, or even real objects. The first time or two that you play a new song, ask the students to listen and to do the gestures with you. You can also do simple activities such as passing a ball around or playing rhythm instruments along with the music. As they do this, they'll be learning the song.

For Christmas carols visit:

<http://www.santagames.net/christmas-carols/default.htm>

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