



December Highlights for Discovery Education

Timely & Relevant Resources



Celebrate [Hanukkah](#), [Christmas](#), and [Kwanzaa](#) (All Grades)

Celebrate all the winter holidays in your classroom this December and broaden students' perspectives of the world around them!

[World Soil Day](#) (All Grades)

Explore dynamic changes to the surface of earth and the development of one of Earth's most precious resources: soil. Raise awareness of the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and human well-being by addressing the growing challenges in soil management and much more on December 5th!



[International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#) (All Grades)

Join the global community as they come together to advocate for the rights and well-being of people living with disabilities and to make society more inclusive for them. Raise awareness in your classroom with these digital resources.

[International Mountain Day](#) (All Grades)

Did you know December 11th is International Mountain Day? Use the resources in the Weathering and Erosion channel for students to explore the natural process that causes changes to Earth's surface when rocks crumble, crack and break.





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[December Activity Calendars](#)

Explore ready-to-use activities for the month of December that provide students with opportunities to explore their curiosity around a variety of topics in our NEW daily activity calendars for grades K-8. View current and past calendars at any time in our [Activity Center](#).

December Calendars: [K-2](#) [3-5](#) [6-8](#)

[PL Resource of the Month: Self-Paced Interactive Courses](#)

Explore how to find resources and strategies, manage assignments, create checks for understanding in Quiz, and design digital lessons with Studio. You can earn a certificate at the end to submit for credit!



[Strategy of the Month: Did You Hear That?](#)

Get Listening! The SOS Instructional Strategy, Did You hear That?, encourages students to use mental images they create to write a paragraph or short story after listening to a handful of sound effects. View all strategies in the [SOS Channel](#).

[Feature of the Month: Collaborative Studio Boards](#)

Did you know you can create a Studio board template and then assign it to groups of students? They can then all work on the board together for a collaborative project!





Subject & Grade Level Specific Content

Elementary: PreK - 2

- [Literacy: Vocabulary Development](#) – Find a variety of resources to support students in developing a robust vocabulary in their everyday lessons.
- [Math: Visual Classroom](#) – This series, available in English and Spanish, provides a simple and straightforward approach helping elementary school students to learn math concepts, as well as the related vocabulary.
- [Science: Interactives](#) – Ignite curiosity with this collection of science interactives. Grow a virtual garden, examine energy transfer during a roller coaster ride, simulate the formation of the solar system, discover what daisies and frogs have in common, and so much more.
- [Social Studies: Animated Hero Classics](#) – Explore this series of biographies of scientists, inventors, explorers, and social champions from around Europe, North America, and the Middle East.
- [Health & Wellness: Inner Explorer](#) – Experience Inner Explorer's mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR) program through a series of audio-guided meditation practices.

Elementary: 3 – 5

- [Literacy: Fable Cottage](#) – Explore a collection of traditional stories lovingly retold in modern language. Each story is available in video, text, and audiobook formats.
- [Math: Money](#) – Help students understand the important roles of money in their every day lives.
- [Science: Visual Classroom](#) – This series, available in English and Spanish, provides a simple and straightforward approach helping elementary school students to learn science concepts, as well as the related vocabulary.
- [Social Studies: Explorers](#) – Explore a variety of resources to help students understand the impact expeditions have had on history and changed the way we view the world.
- [Health & Wellness: Discover Your Happy](#) – This channel provides science-based tools for educators, students, and parents to show how happiness can be achieved through learnable skills and practices.



Subject & Grade Level Specific Content

Secondary: 6 – 8

- [Literacy: Audiobooks](#) – Spark student’s imagination and explore the full collection of from classic children’s stories and fairy tales, to science fiction and famous poetry, to modern young adult favorite.
- [Math: Interactives](#) – Engage in real-world math problems with this collection. Customize race cars using expressions, defend yourself from an army of skeletons using absolute values, find ancient artifacts by exploring a coordinate plane, and more.
- [Science: STEM Careers](#) – Learn about fascinating STEM careers through a variety of resources including career profiles, student activations, challenges, classroom activities, virtual field trips, and more.
- [Social Studies: BESE](#) – Explore this digital news platform which reconstructs and recontextualizes narratives around how young people connect to today’s America. Founded by actress Zoe Saldana, each series from BESE promotes inclusivity and navigates the American tapestry of cultures, identities, and nations.
- [Health & Wellness: Prevent Bullying](#) – Explore content that helps students understand what bullying is, provides strategies to stop the behavior, and teaches how to be socially responsible.

Secondary: 9 – 12

- [Literacy: Common Sense Education: News and Media Literacy](#) – These resources will help students demonstrate the ability to identify, evaluate, and use information effectively, find credible and trustworthy sources, and give proper credit.
- [Math: Pathway to Financial Success](#) – Explore this comprehensive curriculum enhanced by videos, self-paced modules, and cross-curricular activities. Family extensions are available to keep the conversation going at home!
- [Science: Seeker](#) – This series inspires a generation to inquire, interact, and get involved with science. Each episode is dedicated to fostering excitement and curiosity in students.
- [Social Studies: Stuff You Missed in History Class Podcast](#) – Join history buffs Holly and Tracy as they uncover extraordinary details about lesser-known and misremembered people, far off places, and the most fascinating events throughout history.
- [Health & Wellness: Operation Prevention](#) – Explore engaging tools that are aligned to national health and science standards and integrate seamlessly into classroom instruction. Through a series of hands-on investigations, students are introduced to the science behind opioids and their impact on the brain and body.



NEW Virtual Field Trips & Events: December 2021

Close out the year with virtual experiences to engage your students and level-up your learning!

Virtual Field Trips



Making a Life: The Strength of a Refugee

Premiere: December 9 at 10 AM PST / 1pm EST

Grades 3-5

Dive into the history and legacy of the Kindertransport and explore with students what it means to be a refugee. Explore how refugees adjust to their new homes and cultures and celebrate the strength people can have in times of great change. [Learn more](#) and [register today!](#)



Explore the [Virtual Field Trips Channel](#) to inspire wonder in any learning environment as students are immersed in exciting new adventures and authentic human stories covering a variety of diverse perspectives.

Professional Learning Webinars

A Few of our Favorite Things | Tuesday December 14th, 7pm ET

Join fellow DE community members to hear about a few of their favorite resources of 2021! Learn which videos and channels were the most engaging, which activities saved the most time, and which resources made the biggest impact.

Maximize Your Merry: Top Time-Saving Tips | Thursday December 16th, 7pm ET

Level-up your learning just in time winter break! Join fellow DE community members to hear their best time-saving tips and strategies so you can get a head start on 2022 and have a stress-free winter break!

[Learn More & Register Today](#)