

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

December, 2025

DECEMBER NEWS AND UPDATES

We're excited to celebrate December with a fun-filled month of family events! There's something for everyone, and we hope you'll join us as we play, learn, and make special memories together.

We'll kick things off with Playgroup at CTEC on Wednesday, December 3rd, where little ones can explore, play, and connect with friends.

On Thursday evening, December 4th from 5:30–7:00 PM, we're partnering with the Family Engagement Series for a special session all about Play. Parents will learn simple, meaningful ways to support different types of play at home while exploring new toys and holiday gift ideas. Daycare is available for children 18 months and older, and a light dinner will be provided. Every family who attends will also take home a toy!

Please register using this link or QR Code on the flyer so we can plan for food and childcare:

<https://forms.gle/hgf2dirT3D8tqd5KA>.

The fun continues on Friday, December 5th, when we visit the Kaw Prairie Church play space from 9:30–10:30 AM for a morning of open-ended exploration.

We'll also have Pajama Week at CTEC on December 10th and 12th, so feel free to come comfy and ready to play in your jammies!

Finally, join us on Tuesday evening, December 16th from 5:00–7:00 PM for our Keepsake Art Night. Families will have the opportunity to create handprint crafts—perfect for holiday gifts—and enjoy winter-themed play in the CTEC gym.

We can't wait to see you this December as we celebrate the season with connection, creativity, and play!

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PAT GROUP DATES

- Dec 3rd 9-10:30 Group at CTEC
- Dec 4th 5:30-7 Parent Engagement Series at CETC
- Dec 5th 9:30-10:30 Group at Kaw Prairie
- Dec 10th 9-10:30 Group at CTEC
- Dec 12th 9-10:30 Group at CTEC
- Dec 16th 5-7 Keepsake Art Night

No Groups Dec 17-Jan 7
for Winter Break

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EVENT CALENDAR

PAT EVENTS DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1	2	3 Group 9-10:30 CTEC	4 Together we Grow 5:30-7 PM	5 Group 9:30-10:30 Kaw Prairie Coat Donations Due 	6
7	8	9	10  Pajama Group 9-10:30 CTEC Coat Exchange  4-6 pm	11  Coat Exchange 11:15-12:30	12  Pajama Group 9-10:30 CTEC	13
14	15	16  Keepsake Art Night 5-7 PM	17	18	19	20
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EVENT INFORMATION

WINTER COAT Exchange

Join us in our Winter Coat Exchange at CTEC. Donate your gently used or new coats, scarves, gloves, and hats then come shop for new items for your family.

- All sizes infant- adult are welcome
- All items will be free of charge.
- Donations not required to come shop.
- Drop off donations to CTEC office by Friday, December 5th at 4pm

 **Wednesday, December 10** 4-6pm
 **Thursday, December 11** 11:15am- 12:30pm

 **Cedar Trails Exploration Center**
8201 Mize Blvd

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You are invited to

KEEPSAKE ART NIGHT

Cedar Trails Exploration Center
8201 Mize Blvd

TUESDAY, DEC 16
5-7 PM

Join us for a fun evening of winter-themed play and adorable keepsake crafts—perfect for creating meaningful holiday gifts and keepsakes!



Join us for a fun morning of

INDOOR PLAY AT KAW PRARIE

Friday, December 5th
9:30-10:30

9421 Meadow Viw Drive,
Lenexa KS



**CEDAR TRAILS
EXPLORATION CENTER**



TOGETHER WE GROW

December 4, 2025 5:30-7pm

The Power of Play:

- why is play important and how it can impact your children.
 - learn to engage with your child through different types of play get
 - ideas for age-appropriate holiday gifts learn tips for rotating your
 - child's play areas at home take home an age appropriate list of
 - recommended toys as well as activities that you can create in your own home
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- Light dinner & childcare provided
 - Every family will go home with a new toy and many resources
 - Presented by Parents as Teachers and Special Education teachers

Register Now



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INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Shawnee Adaptive Recreation Programs



Registration is through the City of Shawnee Parks and Rec department: Riki Kisner (913)631-5200 rkisner@cityofshawnee.org

Tips for Parents on Managing Holiday Stress



So-Ko Aglow



Sar-Ko Aglow in Lenexa is one of the Kansas City metro's best holiday light displays. Kick off your holiday festivities by meeting up with friends and neighbors at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park for Lenexa's annual holiday lighting tradition.

The Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 5th at the Grand Pavilion east of Rose's Pond. Mayor Sayers will flip the ceremonial switch at 6 p.m. Enjoy hot cocoa, the Dickens Carolers and visits with Santa until 7 p.m.

Admire the enchanting scene each evening from Dec. 5, 2025, through Jan. 19, 2026.

Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park, 87th Street Parkway & Lackman Road, Lenexa, KS, 66215