Holiday Literacy Activity Ideas
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1. Read the book Alphabet City-look at and discuss how the alphabet appears naturally in the environment. Take pictures of letters and numbers that occur naturally in the environment and create your own book.

2. Use child friendly recipes and create a delicious concoction for dinner, together. 
   [http://www.eatsamazing.co.uk/category/easy-recipes-for-kids]

3. Read an informational book on a mini-beast (insects). Go outside with a magnifying glass and observe one. Create a simple drawing of the insect you have observed and label all the parts you know. Then, if you would like, write a few sentences about what you observed and share your observations with someone.

4. Observe how animals in nature camouflage themselves. Write and draw what you observed.

5. When visiting a museum, take a picture of a famous work of art. Ask people you know, who weren’t at the museum with you, what knowledge they have about that piece of art. After you have gathered their information, research the piece yourself. Through your research determine what factual information you were given was true and what was not.

6. Create a reading scavenger hunt for younger children for example; start with a clue like, ‘Look in the silverware draw. Inside the silverware draw is clue number two. Read and follow those directions.’ Add a clue to this draw that leads them to the next clue, then the next and so on.

7. What is the difference between crocodiles and alligators? What do you know? What can you find out? Share your knowledge through a book.

8. On a trip? Read aloud and record license plates numbers and letters of the cars you see. Where are they from? Can you find each country on the map?

9. Literacy Games: puzzle books, scrambled words, cross words, and word searches all promote literacy.

10. In airports, newsagents often have magazines for kids. Great reading material inside!

11. Practice reading when you are out to dinner...read the menu.

12. Visit the library, where ever you are...you may not be able to read the books as they are in a different language, but check it out, you may be surprised.

13. Keep a journal of your holiday travels; use both pictures and words to describe your experiences.

14. Write a letter (yes, paper and pen) about your adventures to someone who lives a long way away. Mail it to them...you might even get one back!