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Equity Article

Educating the Whole Child: Improving School Climate to Support Student Success

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<https://learningpolicyinstitute.org/product/educating-whole-child-report>



Equity Quote





DID YOU KNOW? December Monthly Observances

Human Rights Month

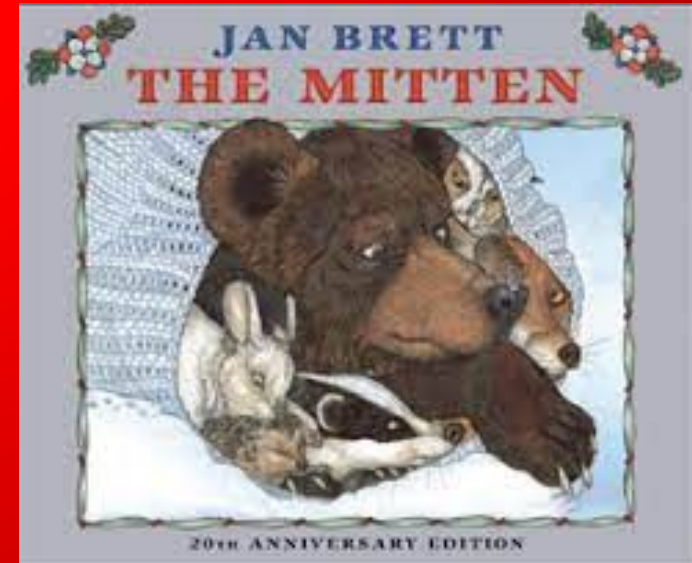
- Learn a Foreign Language Month
- December 2: Special Education Day
- December 3: International Day of People with Disabilities
- December 5: International Volunteer Day
- December 6-12: Computer Science Education Week
- December 26-January 1: Kwanzaa
- December 25 Christmas
- November 28- December 6 Hanukkah



Read Aloud

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3rRWzdHv5M>

The Mitten By Jan Brett



DID YOU KNOW?

Things you might not know about December holidays

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Poinsettias

The traditional Christmas plant we call a poinsettia was known by the Aztecs as cuetlaxochitl. Its current name came from the first U.S. envoy to Mexico, Joel R. Poinsett, who noticed the plant being used for holiday celebrations and sent a few north to the United States in the 1820s.

Hanukkah

Hanukkah, based on the Jewish calendar, is a wandering holiday. This year, the eight-day celebration begins at sunset Dec. 20. In 2016, it starts on Christmas Eve. In 2013, it's *Thanksgiving* eve, Nov. 27.

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa, which is observed Dec. 26 through Jan. 1, is a nonreligious holiday that celebrates African-American culture. The weeklong event highlights seven principles, including Nia, which is Swahili for "purpose." That's where actress Nia Long got her name.





Happy
Holidays!