



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUGUST 2022 Early Literacy At Home Learning

Help your child develop early literacy skills and Grow Up Reading™. Enjoy a fun, family activity each day that helps teach important pre-reading skills.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Talking Talk about an animal that likes the hot weather.	2 Singing Make up songs about what you are doing.	3 Reading Read a Pete the Cat book together.	4 Writing It's <i>National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day!</i> Draw a picture of your favorite cookie.	5 Counting Count the number of garbage trucks you pass on a car ride.	6 Playing Draw pictures and write your name with sidewalk chalk outside.
7 Talking Talk about the Ocean and sign up for Summer Reading <i>Oceans of Possibilities.</i>	8 Singing Sing the nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty.	9 Reading Check out a wonderbook read along from the library and listen to a story together.	10 Writing Tape paper under the table and draw upside down.	11 Counting Count the number of stairs in your home.	12 Playing Pretend you're your favorite pet. How do you walk? How do you talk?	13 Talking Bake something together and talk about the ingredients you are using.
14 Singing Sing <i>Here is the Beehive</i> and count the bees as they fly away.	15 Reading On <i>National Relaxation Day</i> curl up with your favorite book and unwind.	16 Writing Practice the pincer grasp by painting with a Q-tip.	17 Counting Stack your blocks and count how many you use before the tower falls.	18 Playing Play a game of hide and seek. Play by hiding an object and having another person find it. What clues can you give?	19 Talking Talk about great places to visit in the summer.	20 Singing Create a homemade instrument and dance around to your favorite music.
21 Reading Read a wordless book.	22 Writing Write some letters on construction paper and use your finger to trace the letter.	23 Counting How high can you count while you're washing your hands?	24 Playing Make silly faces in the mirror.	25 Talking Talk about things that start with the letter "A" like August.	26 Singing Sing a song with words that rhyme. What silly lyrics can you make up?	27 Reading Log your Summer Reading hours and pick out books from the Summer Book Fair.
28 Writing Draw shapes and look around the house for matches.	29 Counting Count the number of items in your mailbox.	30 Playing Have fun in the water today! Run through a sprinkler or splash in the pool.	31 Talking Use a magnifying glass and look around the yard. Talk about what you see and find.			



The Library partners with parents to help children Grow Up Reading™

Parents are a child's first teachers. Help your child develop essential early literacy skills and build a strong foundation for future reading success with these six powerful practices.

Talking | **Singing** | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Playing** | **Counting**

Grow Up Reading™ Tips for August: Playing

- Playing with your child is one way to help them develop social skills and self-control. As they interact with parents and others, they learn how people behave in social settings. Children also learn what's acceptable by taking their cues from you.
- Play is good for mom and dad's health too and you receive benefits from playing with your child too! It's important to play with your child for your child's sake. But, as an added bonus, you receive benefits from playing with your child too. The hormone oxytocin, which plays a role in parent-infant bonding, is released whenever mothers and fathers engage in affectionate play with their children of any age.
- Play and learning go hand-in-hand and they are not separate activities. They are intertwined. Think about them as a science lecture with a lab. Play is the child's lab.

Book Suggestions for August:

Crab cake: turning the tide together
by Andrea Tsurumi

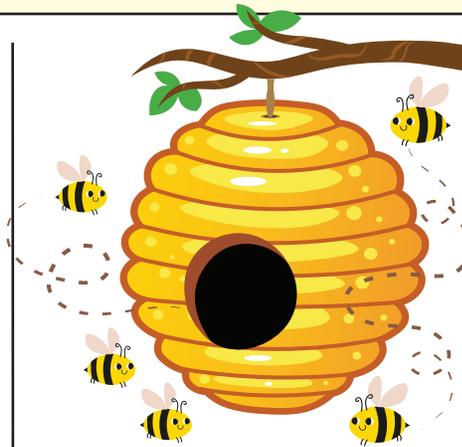
Hello Lighthouse
by Sophie Blackall

Froggy's lemonade stand
by Jonathan London

Arlo draws an octopus
by Lori Mortensen

Water: a deep dive of discovery
by Christy Mihaly

Whole whale by Karen Yin



Here is The Beehive

Here is the beehive,
Where are the bees?
Hidden away where nobody sees.
Watch and you'll see them come out of the hive.
One...two...three...four...five!
Buzz...buzz...buzz...buzz...buzz.

Here is the beehive,
Where are the bees?
Hidden away where nobody sees.
Watch and you'll see them land on the floor.
One...two...three...four!
Buzz...buzz...buzz...buzz.

Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses
And all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty Dumpty
Together again.



Here is the beehive,
Where are the bees?
Hidden away where nobody sees.
Watch and you'll see them come out of the tree.
One...two...three! Buzz...buzz...buzz.

Here is the beehive, Where are the bees?
Hidden away where nobody sees.
Watch and you'll see them come out of the hive.
One...two...three...four...five.
Buzz...buzz...buzz...buzz...buzz.
Bzzzzzzzzz...they've all flown away!



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