



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2020 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
  <p>@ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library www.growupreading.org</p>		1 Talking <i>Talk about what fun things you want to do as a family this winter.</i>	2 Singing <i>Sing I'm a Little Snowman together.</i>	3 Reading <i>Pick your favorite book and point out letters you know.</i>	4 Writing <i>Make a card for a special person and mail it.</i>	5 Counting <i>Stack and make patterns with toy blocks. Count how many blocks you stacked.</i>
6 Playing <i>Decorate an old box and a sock to make a puppet and put on a puppet show.</i>	7 Talking <i>Point out different foods and talk about the beginning sounds.</i>	8 Singing <i>Use the tune of a familiar song and make up lyrics about winter.</i>	9 Reading <i>Tell a story about something funny that has happened to you.</i>	10 Writing <i>Use a pencil to write each letter of the alphabet.</i>	11 Counting <i>Toss a ball back and forth. Count each time you catch the ball.</i>	12 Playing <i>Play with shaving cream by making a snowman.</i>
13 Talking <i>During bath time name parts of your body.</i>	14 Singing <i>Say the names of family members and clap out each syllables.</i>	15 Reading <i>Read a book about winter animals. What noises do some of them make?</i>	16 Writing <i>Use construction paper to make a hat and decorate it.</i>	17 Counting <i>Count 5 items in your house that are black.</i>	18 Playing <i>Roll out PlayDoh and cut shapes with cookie cutters.</i>	19 Talking <i>Make funny sounds with your mouth.</i>
20 Singing <i>Have a concert and sing your favorite songs with the family.</i>	21 Reading <i>Winter has begun! Grab a book about winter and cozy up to read together.</i>	22 Writing <i>Create a weekend menu by cutting out pictures from a magazine.</i>	23 Counting <i>Count how many articles of clothing you are wearing to go outside.</i>	24 Playing <i>Play "Simon Says" together.</i>	25 Talking <i>Talk about the sights, sounds and smells around you.</i>	26 Singing <i>Sing Snowflake Fun.</i>
27 Reading <i>Play I-Spy and look for a book with a white cover at the Library or from your home collection.</i>	28 Writing <i>Trace over written letters.</i>	29 Counting <i>Count how many days are in the month.</i>	30 Playing <i>Work on your coordination skills. Roll a ball with your left hand, try it with your right hand.</i>	31 Talking <i>Talk about words that start with "D" like December.</i>		

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 December: Talking & Reading

- Talking with your baby or toddler can help his language and communication development. The more you talk with your baby or toddler, the better. This is because parents who talk a lot to their young children use lots of different sounds and words. When children hear more words and lots of different words, it improves their understanding of language. It also increases the number and variety of words that they understand and use.
- Read books and tell stories to your babies every day! Talk about the pictures in books, wonder out loud what might happen next in the story, point out words and letters, and let your child touch and hold the book and turn the pages. You can make up your own stories to go with the pictures in the book.
- Other tips to encourage vocabulary and understanding are to give your child choices and wait until they respond with what they would like, such as, "Would you like a banana or a piece of orange?". Allow them to help you sort out things like the washing, naming the clothing. Play games in which you give instructions for them to do things such throw the bean bag. In fact, talk with your child as much as you can remembering to give them sufficient time to think through what you have said and answer.

Book Suggestions for December:

Winter is Here by Kevin Henkes

Wonderful Winter by Jennifer Marino

Blizzard by John Rocco

Cold Snap by Eileen Spinelli

A Perfect Day by Carin Berger



**Read books about winter and snow
and then sing these songs.**

I'm a Little Snowman

(Sing to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little snowman
Short and fat.
Here are my buttons
Here is my hat.
When the sun comes out,
I can't play.
I just slowly melt away.



Snowflake Fun

(Sing to the tune of Frere Jacques)

Falling snowflakes, falling snowflakes,
So much fun, so much fun.
Falling through the air,
Falling everywhere,
So much fun, so much fun.



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