



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY 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



@ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library
www.growupreading.org



1 Talking

Talk about the weather outside today.

2 Singing

Sing The Mitten Chant today

3 Reading

Read a book about snow.

4 Writing

Create a coloring journal for 2020. Use craft supplies to make a cover and leave empty pages inside.

5 Counting

Use cotton balls to count, add and/or subtract.

6 Playing

It's Cuddle Up Day! Build a fort and play inside.

7 Talking

Talk about animals that hibernate during the winter.

8 Singing

Sing the Hibernation Song today.

9 Reading

Read a book about winter.

10 Writing

Work on writing the letter "J" for January.

11 Counting

Count the number of things in your house that are triangle shapes.

12 Playing

Be amazed as the Mad Scientist gives you an exciting look into science at the Main Library.

13 Talking

Tell funny stories at dinner today.

14 Singing

Make up a song using your name in the lyrics.

15 Reading

Read a new book by a favorite author.

16 Writing

Write a list of things to do today and cross them off as they are completed.

17 Counting

Count to 10 in a loud voice, soft voice, high voice, low voice.

18 Playing

Bring some snow in from outside and build a snowman.

19 Talking

Talk about how snow feels when you touch it.

20 Singing

Sing while you play in the snow.

21 Reading

Look at some pictures and make a story about them.

22 Writing

Use your fingers to make letters or shapes in a tray of shaving cream.

23 Counting

Put your socks in a basket and set a timer to see how quick you can match them. Count how many you got each time in one minute.

24 Playing

Build a tower out of things that are not blocks.

25 Talking

It's Preschool Palooza Day at the Library! (See details on the back)

26 Singing

Sing your favorite song today.

27 Reading

Cozy up on the couch and read your favorite book.

28 Writing

Watch your favorite movie today and draw a picture of the book in your journal.

29 Counting

Look at a calendar and count the number of days in the month.

30 Playing

Have a freeze dance party. Play the music and "freeze" when the music pauses

31 Talking

Talk about the names of each month.

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 January: Reading

- Don't expect your toddler to sit still for a book. Toddlers need to move, so don't worry if they act out stories or just skip or tumble as you read them. They may be moving, but they are listening.
- Read favorite stories again and again. Grab books about things your toddler likes; trains, animals, dragons, etc. and read them over and over. These books may extend a toddler's attention span and build enthusiasm for reading.
- Try using your child's name as the name of a character in the book. Have fun reading and show your child that reading is enjoyable.

Book Suggestions for January:

Winter is for Snow by Robert Neubecker
Snowbots by Aaron Reynolds
Wonderful Winter by Jennifer Marino
Hibernation Station by Michelle Meadows
Animals in Winter by Henrietta Bancroft



The Mitten Chant

Here is a mitten (hold up one hand)
 A snug, fuzzy one (rub palms together)
 With a place for my fingers (wiggle four fingers)
 And a place for my thumb (wiggle thumb).

Here are two mittens (hold up two hands)
 A colorful sight (move hands back and forth)
 One for my left hand (hold up left hand)
 And one for my right hand (hold up right hand).

Here are our mittens (hold up two hands)
 As soft as can be (stroke the back of your hand)
 A warm pair for you (point to a neighbor)
 And a warm pair for me (point to yourself)!

Hibernation

(sung to "Do You Know the Muffin Man?")

Do you know who hibernates?
 Who hibernates? Who hibernates?
 Do you know who hibernates?
 It's great big bears!



Change the last sentence to other hibernating animals:

- It's little groundhogs.
- It's slithering snakes.
- It's buzzing bees.
- It's stinky skunks.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
FROM 11 AM-1 PM
 Main Library Youth Activity Center

Learn about the unique preschool and childcare programs available in and around West Bloomfield. Staff from area schools will be on site to talk with you. Health care professionals and Early Childhood Resource Specialists will also be on hand to answer questions about child health, safety and development.

No registration is required.



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