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JANUARY 2021 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 <i>Talk about words that rhyme with "hat".</i>	2 Singing <i>Sing Where is Bear? today.</i>
3 Reading <i>Read a book about Bears.</i>	4 Writing <i>It's National Spaghetti Day! Draw a picture of spaghetti and meatballs to celebrate!</i>	5 Counting <i>Go outside and dig in the snow. Count the number of sticks, leaves even rocks you may find while digging.</i>	6 Playing <i>Pretend you are a bear. How would you move? How would you sleep?</i>	7 Talking <i>Talk about how snow feels when you touch it.</i>	8 Singing <i>Sing the ABC's in different voices. Try a silly voice or a scary voice. Maybe even a whisper voice.</i>	9 Reading <i>Read a book about winter.</i>
10 Writing <i>Practice writing the letter "S" for snow.</i>	11 Counting <i>Trace your numbers counting backwards from 10 to 1 on a piece of paper.</i>	12 Playing <i>Put some water outside in a plastic container and see how long it takes to freeze.</i>	13 Talking <i>Talk about why water freezes.</i>	14 Singing <i>Dress up your pet or favorite stuffed pet and sing them your favorite song.</i>	15 Reading <i>Read a new book by a favorite author.</i>	16 Writing <i>It's National Appreciate a Dragon Day! Read a book about dragons to celebrate.</i>
17 Counting <i>Count the gloves and mittens in your house.</i>	18 Playing <i>Find some materials from around the house and make a snowman.</i>	19 Talking <i>Talk about things that start with the letter "J" like January.</i>	20 Singing <i>Sing Frosty the Snowman as you march around outside.</i>	21 Reading <i>Look at some pictures and make a story about them.</i>	22 Writing <i>Color a winter scene picture.</i>	23 Counting <i>Practice counting by 2's.</i>
24 Playing <i>Grab some snow and color it with your markers.</i>	25 Talking <i>Talk about the 4 seasons. What are they called?</i>	26 Singing <i>Sing about what is going on around you.</i>	27 Reading <i>Cozy up on the couch and read your favorite book.</i>	28 Writing <i>Join us online for Oliver's Animal Adventures. Draw a picture of the animal we learned about tonight.</i>	29 Counting <i>Look at a calendar and count the number of days in the month</i>	30 Playing <i>Enjoy a riddle together. Q- Where do snowmen go to dance? A- The Snowball!</i>
31 Talking <i>Talk about the names of each month.</i>						

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

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

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.

Grow Up Reading™ Tips for January: Counting

- Math is too important to leave to chance learning. Counting activities should be intentional, purposeful, playful, and FUN. Include creative counting activities into your everyday routines.
- Toddlers are natural sorters. By age 2, they start recognizing and making comparisons, such as more, same, and different. They enjoy organizing multiple objects into specific "sets", i.e., groups or categories. Asking a child to sort their prized dinosaurs into groups, such as big and small, is the basis of a few important early math skills. First, they can compare the groups. (There are more small dinosaurs.) They can count how many are in each group (two big ones, six small ones). They can also re-sort in different ways (the ones with spikes here, the ones without spikes there; arranging the dinosaurs in order from shortest to tallest).
- Mathematics learning starts in infancy and happens everywhere, all the time. For this reason, families are critical to supporting math learning, and research shows that families can do it in unpressured and socially positive ways. For example, reading all kinds of books with math content can lead to enjoyable parent-child conversations.

Book Suggestions for January:

Bear and Wolf by Dan Salmieri

Dragons Sledding Adventure
by Beth Matheson

Try a Little Kindness: A Guide to Being Better
by Henry Cole

A Winter Walk in the City
by Cathy Goldberg Fishman

Winter is the Warmest Season by Lauren Stringer



Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the snowman
Knew the sun was hot that day
So he said, "Let's run
And we'll have some fun
Now before I melt away".

Down to the village
With a broomstick in his hand
Running here and there
All around the square
Saying "Catch me if you can".

He led them down the streets of town
Right to the traffic cop
And he only paused a moment when
He heard him holler "Stop!".

Frosty the snowman
Had to hurry on his way
But he waved goodbye saying,
"Don't you cry
I'll be back again some day".

Thumpity, thump, thump
Thumpity, thump, thump
Look at Frosty go.

Thumpity, thump, thump
Thumpity, thump, thump
Over the hills of snow.

Frosty the snowman
Is a fairy tale they say
He was made of snow
But the children know
How he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic
In that old silk hat they found
For when they placed it on his head
He began to dance around.

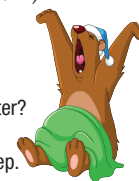
Frosty the snowman
Was alive as he could be
And the children say
He could laugh and play
Just the same as you and me.

Frosty the snowman
Knew the sun was hot that day
So he said, "Let's run
And we'll have some fun
Now before I melt away".

Where is Bear?

(Tune: Where is Thumbkin)

Where is bear?
Where is bear?
Here I am. Here I am.
How are you this winter?
Very tired thank you.
Go to sleep, go to sleep.



Use other hibernating animals such as
bunnies, skunks, bats, chipmunks, etc.

Virtual Programs



The Library continues to offer programs for children and families of all ages. Visit the Library Event Calendar* to stay up to date and pre-register for programs. All programs are housed via Zoom online. Some programs, including Positively Preschool and Terrific Tots, include a bag of materials to checkout for use during the program.

*catalog.wbplib.org/iii/calendar/month



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