



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

# MAY 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>GROW UP READING! @ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library www.growupreading.org</p>						
<p>1 <b>Talking</b></p> <p><i>It's National Mother Goose Day! Talk about what a nursery rhyme is and some of your favorites.</i></p>	<p>2 <b>Singing</b></p> <p><i>Sing Row, Row, Row Your Boat today.</i></p>	<p>3 <b>Reading</b></p> <p><i>Check out and read a Mother Goose Nursery Rhyme book together.</i></p>	<p>4 <b>Writing</b></p> <p><i>Draw a picture from a Nursery Rhyme such as One, Two Buckle My Shoe or Row, Row, Row Your Boat.</i></p>	<p>5 <b>Counting</b></p> <p><i>Write some numbers on your legos or blocks. Practice your numbers and counting as you stack the blocks together.</i></p>	<p>6 <b>Playing</b></p> <p><i>Get ready to dance and sing and visit the Library for a fun time with The Fairy Godmother of Music.</i></p>	<p>7 <b>Talking</b></p> <p><i>Talk about what you like or dislike about Spring.</i></p>
<p>8 <b>Singing</b></p> <p><i>Check out a sing-able picture book and have fun singing the book together.</i></p>	<p>9 <b>Reading</b></p> <p><i>Explore the world from a comfy chair. Check out and read a book about another state or country.</i></p>	<p>10 <b>Writing</b></p> <p><i>It's National Clean Your Room Day. Draw a picture of your room after picking up.</i></p>	<p>11 <b>Counting</b></p> <p><i>Cars come in all different colors. Count the number of red cars you see today.</i></p>	<p>12 <b>Playing</b></p> <p><i>Play a game of "I Spy" and look for things that start with the letter "M".</i></p>	<p>13 <b>Talking</b></p> <p><i>Share one thing that made you happy today.</i></p>	<p>14 <b>Singing</b></p> <p><i>Take turns singing all of the nursery rhymes you know together.</i></p>
<p>15 <b>Reading</b></p> <p><i>Read a book about flowers or plants.</i></p>	<p>16 <b>Writing</b></p> <p><i>Draw a spring picture with crayons and markers.</i></p>	<p>17 <b>Counting</b></p> <p><i>Visit the Library to learn about dinosaur bones with Paleo Joe! Can you help him count how many bones he's found?</i></p>	<p>18 <b>Playing</b></p> <p><i>Pretend to be a butterfly, a spider, a worm and a bee. How do you move for each one?</i></p>	<p>19 <b>Talking</b></p> <p><i>Talk about sunshine. What do you like to do on a sunny day?</i></p>	<p>20 <b>Singing</b></p> <p><i>Sing your favorite song together and make up silly lyrics.</i></p>	<p>21 <b>Reading</b></p> <p><i>Look at the cover of a book and guess what it's about together. After reading it talk about how you were right or wrong.</i></p>
<p>22 <b>Writing</b></p> <p><i>Use Q-tips and paint or stamp pads to create your own art bugs.</i></p>	<p>23 <b>Counting</b></p> <p><i>At the store count the number of items you purchase.</i></p>	<p>24 <b>Playing</b></p> <p><i>Play a game of hide and seek in the house.</i></p>	<p>25 <b>Talking</b></p> <p><i>What is the weather like today? What will you wear if you go outside?</i></p>	<p>26 <b>Singing</b></p> <p><i>Sing a song about bugs, like the "Bumble Bee" song.</i></p>	<p>27 <b>Reading</b></p> <p><i>Have quiet reading time today.</i></p>	<p>28 <b>Writing</b></p> <p><i>Use finger paints to draw letters and shapes.</i></p>
<p>29 <b>Counting</b></p> <p><i>Draw circles on a piece of paper and count stickers as you put some in each circle.</i></p>	<p>30 <b>Playing</b></p> <p><i>Head to the park for some outdoor play!</i></p>	<p>31 <b>Talking</b></p> <p><i>Talk about the animals you see in the spring.</i></p>				

# 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 May: Talking

- It's important to talk about feelings with your child. Help your child to figure out ways to express their feelings safely and make sure to label their feelings as they happen.
- When you teach your child nursery rhymes, you are contributing to their creative development. When you talk to your child from the moment they are born, through to their years of learning how to talk, you are equipping them with a solid vocabulary base.
- Children also learn to understand abstract concepts like big, small, in front, behind, first and last through talk. The words used in nursery rhymes help children develop language comprehension by associating words with people, objects, and events in their daily life.

## Book Suggestions for May:

*Old MacDonald Had a Truck*  
by Steve Goetz

*Farmyard Beat* by Lindsey Craig

*Plant the Tiny Seed*  
by Christie Matheson

*The Pete's Go Marching*  
by James Dean

*Someday* by Alison McGhee



## One, Two Buckle My Shoe



One, two,  
Buckle my shoe;

Three, four,  
Knock at the door;

Five, six,  
Pick up sticks;

Seven, eight,  
Lay them straight:

Nine, ten,  
A big fat hen!



## Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Row, row, row your boat  
Gently down the stream  
Merrily merrily, merrily, merrily  
Life is but a dream.

Twist, twist, twist your boat  
Gently down the stream  
Merrily merrily, merrily, merrily  
Life is but a dream.

Sway, sway, sway your boat  
Gently down the stream  
Merrily merrily, merrily, merrily  
Life is but a dream.

Wiggle, wiggle, wiggle your boat  
Gently down the stream  
Merrily merrily, merrily, merrily  
Life is but a dream.

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