



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

# NOVEMBER 2019 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

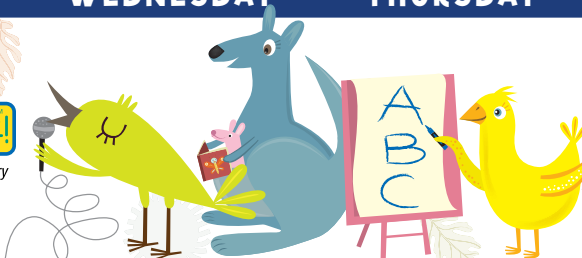
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



## 1 Talking

Talk about the different types of weather you see.

## 2 Singing

It's Book Lovers Day! Grab a book you can sing and sing together with your family.

## 3 Reading

Visit the Library and check out fall books.

## 4 Writing

Draw as many shapes as you can think of.

## 5 Counting

How many times can you hop on one foot? Count as you hop.

## 6 Playing

Invite your favorite stuffed animals to an indoor picnic.

## 7 Talking

Talk about the fun things you have planned for the weekend.

## 8 Singing

Sing a favorite song together fast. Then sing it even faster.

## 9 Reading

Come to the Library for fun at Spectacular Saturday storytime. Engage with your child while singing, dancing and listening to stories.

## 10 Writing

Draw a picture for someone you love.

## 11 Counting

Count on your fingers. How many fingers and toes do you have?

## 12 Playing

Start your Tuesday with some exercise. Stretch up and down and do five jumps.

## 13 Talking

Play I-Spy and talk about the things around you.

## 14 Singing

Sing Leaves are Falling today.

## 15 Reading

Tell stories about your family pet or your favorite animals.

## 16 Writing

Practice writing with crayons. Can you write letters from your name?

## 17 Counting

Count items in your kitchen. For example, how many magnets are on your fridge?

## 18 Playing

Have fun playing with the many different arts and crafts tools at Little Artists at the Main Library today.

## 19 Talking

Name the colors on your clothes.

## 20 Singing

Stop by the library and sing quietly into the whisper tubes. Make up silly versus to sing to each other.

## 21 Reading

Have your child read you a book by looking at the pictures.

## 22 Writing

Practice writing the letter "N" for "November" and "nose."

## 23 Counting

Count the trees in your backyard.

## 24 Playing

Play pretend with a grown-up.

## 25 Talking

Talk about a favorite fall tradition and why you like it.

## 26 Singing

Take turns singing nursery rhymes.

## 27 Reading

Too cold to play outside? Come to the Westacres Branch and read a book about summer to warm up!

## 28 Writing

Draw and color a picture about the best thing you've done this fall.

## 29 Counting

Write the numbers 1-10 on small pieces of paper and line them up in order while counting.

## 30 Playing

Leonardo is rocking and rolling at the Library today! Come by for this amazing interactive concert at 11 AM.

# 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 November: Singing and Playing

- One of the most important developmental benefits of singing with your child is the foundation of a secure attachment. When you sing with a baby you will incorporate touch, holding, cuddles, rocking and patting with your songs. The singing will also involve eye contact, smiling and nodding. These activities help to promote a child's development by strengthening the bond between parent and child.
- Encourage play along with singing! Teach your child songs with actions that allow them to dance along to the music. This is a great way for your child to learn balance, coordination, body awareness and rhythm skills.
- Play is a critical component to early childhood development. When your child is engaged in play they are being encouraged to be creative and active as well as helping to form their critical thinking skills. Allow your child plenty of opportunities to pretend play and they will gain confidence as well.

## Book Suggestions for November:

*Earl the Squirrel* by Don Freeman

*I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie*  
by Alison Jackson

*The Golden Acorn* by Katy Hudson

*Hello Autumn!* by Shelley Rotner

*Full of Fall* by April Pulley Sayre



## Scarecrow, Scarecrow

Scarecrow, scarecrow turn around.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow touch the ground.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow reach up high.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow touch the sky.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow bend down low.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow touch your toes.



## Leaves are Falling

*(Sung to: Are You Sleeping?)*

Leaves are falling

*(children stand, hold arms high and wiggle fingers like leaves falling from branches)*

Leaves are falling

To the ground

*(crouch down to the ground)*

To the ground

Look at all the colors

*(stand and swirl arms all around)*

Look at all the colors

Red yellow brown

Red yellow brown.



**Youth Literacy Kits for preschoolers focus on key pre-reading and math concepts and skills.**



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