



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 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.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Talking <i>Talk about what you like about fall.</i>	2 Singing <i>Sing a fall song today- I Love Apples.</i>	3 Reading <i>Have quiet reading time today.</i>
4 Writing <i>Trace the shape of a leaf onto paper with crayons.</i>	5 Counting <i>It's World Card Making Day! Decorate cards for your loved ones. How many did you make?</i>	6 Playing <i>Play your favorite fall sport with a friend.</i>	7 Talking <i>Talk about your favorite memory.</i>	8 Singing <i>Make a song up while using pots and pans for background music.</i>	9 Reading <i>Read a book with an orange cover today.</i>	10 Writing <i>Draw a picture of a jack-o-lantern.</i>
11 Counting <i>Play with blocks. Make towers and count how many blocks you use.</i>	12 Playing <i>Put a squishy substance in a zipper bag: try shampoo, shaving cream or peanut butter.</i>	13 Talking <i>Talk about things that start with the letter "O" like October.</i>	14 Singing <i>Sing a song to your favorite toy.</i>	15 Reading <i>Read a Paddington Bear book this month</i>	16 Writing <i>Make up a story together and draw the characters.</i>	17 Counting <i>It's National Pasta Day! Invent a unique pasta shape. Choose a pasta dough recipe and then let the creativity run wild!</i>
18 Playing <i>Pretend to be falling leaves. Talk together about why leaves fall off the trees.</i>	19 Talking <i>Talk about what you want to be when you grow up.</i>	20 Singing <i>Sing 5 Little Leaves today.</i>	21 Reading <i>Pick a favorite book and read it together.</i>	22 Writing <i>Make a skeleton picture using q-tips or toothpicks.</i>	23 Counting <i>Use color blocks to make a pattern. How many blocks did you use in your pattern?</i>	24 Playing <i>Play with play-doh and then cut your pieces with scissors.</i>
25 Talking <i>Take a walk and talk about the color of the leaves you see.</i>	26 Singing <i>Play this song game with a friend: Sing a few lines and let your friend finish the song.</i>	27 Reading <i>Join the preschoolers around town and read a book from the Counting the Days 'til Kindergarten booklist.</i>	28 Writing <i>Practice writing the letters "H", "W", and "P" this month.</i>	29 Counting <i>Count the number of orange things you find in your house.</i>	30 Playing <i>Pretend you are a skeleton and rattle your bones around the room.</i>	31 Talking <i>Talk about the weather you see outside.</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 October: Singing

- An infant's brain is pre-programmed to love music. Babies are actually born wanting to pay attention to melodies and sound patterns. From birth, infants have a good understanding of the sounds and rhythms that they like. For example, an infant will prefer higher pitched voices and higher pitched singing as compared to lower pitches. This is why we as adults tend to put on that very silly baby voice when talking to a baby!
- Infants will communicate with you while you sing by looking at you, watching you and eventually smiling. Research has shown that from about two months of age a baby has already started to interact with singing. As they grow throughout infancy, babies will show signs of copying your rhythms and joining in with the noises and actions of the song.
- Preschoolers enjoy singing just to be singing. They like songs that repeat words and melodies, use rhythms with a definite beat, and ask them to do things. Preschool children enjoy nursery rhymes and songs about familiar things like toys, animals, play activities, and people. They also like finger plays and nonsense rhymes with or without musical accompaniment.

Book Suggestions for October:

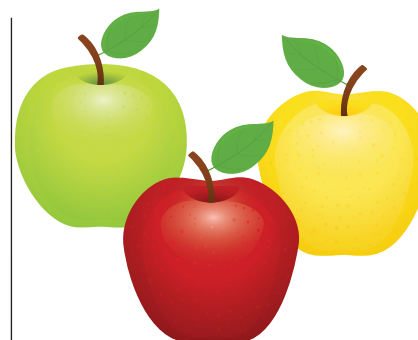
There's a Monster in Your Book
by Tom Fletcher

Creepy Pair of Underwear!
by Aaron Reynolds

How I Met My Monster by Amanda Noll

Hedgehugs: Autumn Hide and Squeak
by Steve Wilson & Lucy Tapper

How's the Weather in Fall
by Rebecca Felix



I Love Apples!

(Tune: You Are My Sunshine)

I love red apples. I love red apples.
And I could eat them every day.
I love the sweet ones and I love the tart ones.
Please don't take my apples away.

I love green apples. I love green apples.
And I could eat them every day.
I love them sour, they give me power,
Apples keep the doctor away.

I love yellow apples. I love yellow apples.
And I could eat them every day.
I love them crunchy, I love them munchy,
Please don't take my apples away.

5 Little Leaves

Five little leaves on the tree next door,
One fell off and then there were four.
Four little leaves all over the tree,
A bird pulled off one and then there were three.
Three little leaves where the wind blew,
One fell off and then there were two.
Two little leaves sitting in the sun,
A bug ate a leaf and now there is one.
One little leaf in the tree all alone
The wind blew and blew and now there are none.

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Hoopla is a great source of children's music. Log in to find popular storytime artists such as Jim Gill, Laurie Berkner, Ralph's World and many more amazing songs to use with your child at home.



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(School year)	Noon – 8 PM
(Summer)	Noon – 5 PM
Sunday (Westacres)	
(Year round)	Noon – 5 PM

