



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

# SEPTEMBER 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



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

## 1 Talking

Talk about the sights, sounds and smells around you today.

## 2 Singing

Sing the song *Way Up High in the Apple Tree*.

## 3 Reading

Read under a blanket with a flashlight.

## 4 Writing

Write the letters of the alphabet on a piece of paper.

## 5 Counting

September is the ninth month of the year. Look for the number 9 around you today.

## 6 Playing

Celebrate *Read a Book Day* by setting up a special reading area and reading your favorite books.

## 7 Talking

Point to an object and say the name of it. Can you come up with words that rhyme with that object?

## 8 Singing

Sing one of your favorite songs to your favorite person.

## 9 Reading

Read with a teddy bear to celebrate *National Teddy Bear Day*.

## 10 Writing

Practice writing the letter "S" for September.

## 11 Counting

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

## 12 Playing

Pretend you are an elephant. How would you move? How would you sound?

## 13 Talking

Stress the sounds of letters as you talk, "Today it's c-c-c—cold!"

## 14 Singing

Sing a song in your softest voice. Try it again in your loudest voice.

## 15 Reading

Read a book you've never read before.

## 16 Writing

Close your eyes and draw with a crayon on paper.

## 17 Counting

Count how many animal books you have.

## 18 Playing

Use just your sense of smell and guess what's for dinner today.

## 19 Talking

It's International *Talk Like a Pirate Day!* Practice your best pirate voices with your family.

## 20 Singing

Sing the song *Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear* today. What movements can you add?

## 21 Reading

Read a book about apples with your friends.

## 22 Writing

Create a picture with items you collect from outside.

## 23 Counting

Count your fingers on one hand then hold up three fingers. Using both hands can you think of another way to show "three?"

## 24 Playing

Pretend your home is a school.

## 25 Talking

Go on a hunt for red items around the house. Line them up and talk about what you found.

## 26 Singing

Sing a song from your favorite movie.

## 27 Reading

Visit the Library's youth website [www.wb-buzz.org](http://www.wb-buzz.org) and read a book together from Tumblebooks.

## 28 Writing

Draw a picture of your favorite stuffed animal friend.

## 29 Counting

Count the number of apples you see in your fridge or at the store.

## 30 Playing

Go outside and run around the yard. How many times can you make a loop?



# 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 September: Counting

- At first, children memorize the counting words from about one to 10 or so. But their learning doesn't involve only memory. Children learn some ideas and rules about number too, namely that proper order is essential; numbers are different from letters; and you are not supposed to skip or repeat numbers when you count.
- One of the best ways for parents to help their children with math is to use math in the routines of daily life, either as games or as entertaining ways to solve problems. Make math fun! Puzzles, building blocks, board games and card games can all aid in the elevation of math skills.
- Giving your young child a chance to measure things can help her understand both how and why people measure things as well as the concepts of units of measurement, such as inches and feet. Find real measuring jobs for children to work on. Will this table fit here in this space? How tall are you? How much bigger is the plant than it was a month ago?

## Book Suggestions for September:

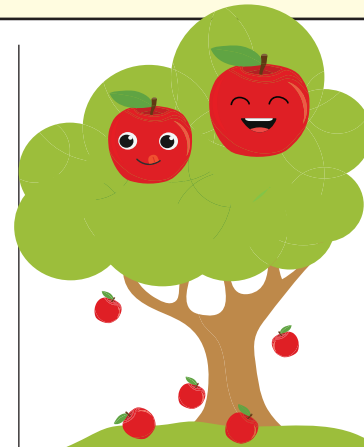
*What Do People Do All Day?*  
by Richard Scarry

*Ten Apples Up On Top*  
by Dr. Seuss

*Wonderful World ABC*  
by Tim Hopgood

*Time For School, Little Blue Truck*  
by Alice Schertle

*Giraffe Problems*  
by Jory John



## Way Up High In The Apple Tree

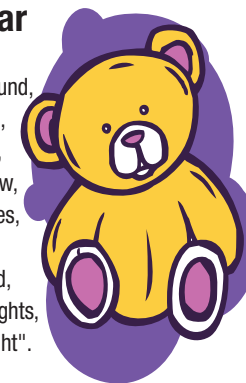
Way up high, in an apple tree. *(raise arms above head)*  
Two red apples smiled at me. *(rub your cheeks)*  
So I shook that tree as hard as I could. *(shake your body like a tree)*  
Down came an apple. *(make a downward motion with both hands)*  
Mmmm! It was good! *(rub tummy).*

*Additional verses: (replace 2nd line words)*

Two sad apples were crying with me. *(wipe tears from your eyes)*  
Two angry apples were frowning at me. *(make a frown)*  
Two sleepy apples were yawning with me. *(pretend to yawn)*

## Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, reach up high,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the sky,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, bend down low,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch your toes,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, go to bed,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, rest your head,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn out the lights,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, say "good night".



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