



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

# APRIL 2018 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><b>1 Talking</b></p> <p>Talk about what you did today. What was your favorite part of the day?</p>	<p><b>2 Singing</b></p> <p>Listen to a music CD and sing along together.</p>	<p><b>3 Reading</b></p> <p>Read a book about Spring time!</p>	<p><b>4 Writing</b></p> <p>Work on drawing shapes. Can you make 4 squares? Or try 3 circles?</p>	<p><b>5 Counting</b></p> <p>Count to 10! Can you try counting to 10 in another language?</p>	<p><b>6 Playing</b></p> <p>Jump up and down on only one foot.</p>	<p><b>7 Talking</b></p> <p>Talk about words that rhyme with "sheep". How many can you come up with?</p>
<p><b>8 Singing</b></p> <p>Act out the song "I'm a Little Teapot" together.</p>	<p><b>9 Reading</b></p> <p>Come to the Library during National Library Week. Enjoy programs and pick out books to read.</p>	<p><b>10 Writing</b></p> <p>Draw a picture of what you see looking out the window of your house.</p>	<p><b>11 Counting</b></p> <p>Count your fingers and toes. Visit the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum at Westacres, 6 - 8 PM</p>	<p><b>12 Playing</b></p> <p>Enjoy some family time at the Library for the Read Like a Rockstar Magic Show! Stick around for an airbrush tattoo for the whole family!</p>	<p><b>13 Talking</b></p> <p>Talk about your favorite things to do in the spring.</p>	<p><b>14 Singing</b></p> <p>Has there been a lot of rain this month? Sing Rain, Rain, Go Away together.</p>
<p><b>15 Reading</b></p> <p>Read a book about gardens or plants.</p>	<p><b>16 Writing</b></p> <p>Make a dot painting using your fingers or a Q-tip.</p>	<p><b>17 Counting</b></p> <p>Work on a puzzle together. How many pieces are in your puzzle?</p>	<p><b>18 Playing</b></p> <p>Pretend to play outside in the rain and jump in the puddles (or do it for real if it's raining).</p>	<p><b>19 Talking</b></p> <p>Talk about a relative you don't see very often.</p>	<p><b>20 Singing</b></p> <p>Sing your ABC's fast, slow, and silly style.</p>	<p><b>21 Reading</b></p> <p>Read The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. What foods did he eat? What foods would you eat?</p>
<p><b>22 Writing</b></p> <p>Write a list of your family members.</p>	<p><b>23 Counting</b></p> <p>Count the number of trees, cars, or other things spotted during a car ride.</p>	<p><b>24 Playing</b></p> <p>Toss a ball back and forth outside with an adult or sibling.</p>	<p><b>25 Talking</b></p> <p>Talk about things that make you happy. Share ideas from everyone in the family</p>	<p><b>26 Singing</b></p> <p>Sing a bedtime song to your toys.</p>	<p><b>27 Reading</b></p> <p>Visit the Library for a hands-on experience with some exotic animals. While you're here check out a book about one of the animals you saw today!</p>	<p><b>28 Writing</b></p> <p>Write a letter to a member of your family.</p>
<p><b>29 Counting</b></p> <p>Take a walk outside and pick up some leaves. Count the leaves when you get home.</p>	<p><b>30 Playing</b></p> <p>Plan an outdoor picnic!</p>	<p><b>GROW UP READING!</b> @ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library <a href="http://www.growupreading.org">www.growupreading.org</a></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 April: Singing & Reading

- Using fingerplays with young children is a great way to help children acquire skills that are essential to their development and learning. Fingerplays aide in the development of eye-hand coordination as well as advance memory and language skills.
- Singing is a great way to learn to develop the sound awareness skills that are critical to learning to read successfully.
- Reading involves creating meaning by combining words, pictures and prior knowledge. Connecting objects to words through labeling everyday objects and pointing to words as you say them will help your child as an early reader.

## Book Suggestions for April

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar*  
by Eric Carle
- When Spring Comes*  
by Kevin Henkes
- Plants in Spring*  
by Martha E.H. Rustad
- My Busy Green Garden*  
by Terry Pierce
- Picnic*  
by John Burningham



## I'm A Little Teapot

I'm a little teapot  
Short and stout  
Here is my handle  
*(one hand on hip)*  
Here is my spout  
*(other arm out straight)*

When I get all steamed up  
Hear me shout  
"Tip me over  
and pour me out!"  
*(lean over toward spout)*

I'm a clever teapot,  
Yes it's true  
Here let me show you  
What I can do  
I can change my handle  
And my spout  
*(switch arm positions)*  
Just tip me over and pour me out!  
*(lean over toward spout)*

## Rain, Rain, Go Away

Rain, rain, go away  
Come again another day  
Daddy wants to play.  
Rain, rain go away

Rain, rain go away  
Come again another day  
Mommy wants to play.  
Rain, rain go away

Rain, rain, go away  
Come again another day  
Brother wants to play.  
Rain, rain go away

Rain, rain, go away  
Come again another day  
Sister wants to play.  
Rain, rain go away

Rain, rain, go away  
Come again another day  
All the family wants to play  
Rain, rain, go away.



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