



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

DECEMBER 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
<p>1 Talking</p> <p><i>Talk about things you do together during the winter.</i></p>	<p>2 Singing</p> <p><i>Count down singing the "5 Little Gingerbread" fingerplay.</i></p>	<p>3 Reading</p> <p><i>At bedtime use a flashlight to make shadows on the wall and tell stories about them.</i></p>	<p>4 Writing</p> <p><i>Draw a picture of your favorite winter activity.</i></p>	<p>5 Counting</p> <p><i>Use cotton balls as snow and count them into rows of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Can you count higher?</i></p>	<p>6 Playing</p> <p><i>Visit with Spot at the Main Library today.</i></p>	<p>7 Talking</p> <p><i>Talk about things that start with the letter "D" like December.</i></p>
<p>8 Singing</p> <p><i>Use bells, maracas or shakers while you sing your favorite songs.</i></p>	<p>9 Reading</p> <p><i>Read a book about winter weather.</i></p>	<p>10 Writing</p> <p><i>Cut out shapes from coffee filters and turn them into snowflakes you can hang on a window.</i></p>	<p>11 Counting</p> <p><i>Count the days of the month on a calendar.</i></p>	<p>12 Playing</p> <p><i>Sit on the floor and roll a ball back and forth to another person.</i></p>	<p>13 Talking</p> <p><i>Talk about animals that like cold weather.</i></p>	<p>14 Singing</p> <p><i>Make up a song about snowmen.</i></p>
<p>15 Reading</p> <p><i>Pete the Cat is visiting the Main Library today! Stop by to read stories, make a craft and meet with Pete the Cat.</i></p>	<p>16 Writing</p> <p><i>Use construction paper to make placemats for your family.</i></p>	<p>17 Counting</p> <p><i>Count the different pieces of clothing you have on to go outside.</i></p>	<p>18 Playing</p> <p><i>Play with shaving cream by making a snowman on the window or a cookie sheet.</i></p>	<p>19 Talking</p> <p><i>Talk about things that are white like snow.</i></p>	<p>20 Singing</p> <p><i>Put on a concert for your family by singing your favorite song.</i></p>	<p>21 Reading</p> <p><i>Read "The Snowy Day" today.</i></p>
<p>22 Writing</p> <p><i>Draw a picture for someone special.</i></p>	<p>23 Counting</p> <p><i>Count the number of animal prints you see outside.</i></p>	<p>24 Playing</p> <p><i>Use an old box to play with!</i></p>	<p>25 Talking</p> <p><i>Talk about the different holidays celebrated around the world.</i></p>	<p>26 Singing</p> <p><i>Sing "Snow is Falling All Around" today.</i></p>	<p>27 Reading</p> <p><i>Find a cozy spot to curl up and read today.</i></p>	<p>28 Writing</p> <p><i>Practice writing your letters in the snow with a stick.</i></p>
<p>29 Counting</p> <p><i>Count 10 items that are green in your home.</i></p>	<p>30 Playing</p> <p><i>Have an indoor snowball fight using rolled up paper or even socks.</i></p>	<p>31 Talking</p> <p><i>Talk about the smells you've noticed this month around you.</i></p>	<p>GROW UP READING! @ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library www.growupreading.org</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.

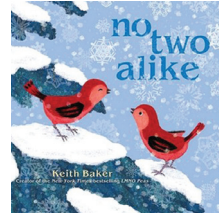
Talking | **Singing** | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Playing** | **Counting**

Grow Up Reading™ Tips for December: Playing & Talking

- When playing with other children or adults, vocabulary and language skills are developed and enhanced. Children will learn to use language to communicate meaning as well as picking up new words and hearing the grammatical structure of the English language.
- By providing opportunities for open ended play, your child will automatically get their creative minds working and you will be surprised at what they come up with as they play.
- Play helps to promote the development of social skills. Children who play with their parents and peers learn how relationships work through their play experiences.

Book Suggestions for December:

- A Loud Winter's Nap* by Katy Hudson
Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter by Kenard Pak
No Two Alike by Keith Baker
Snowflakes by Martha E. H. Rustad
Wonderful Winter by Bruce Goldstone



5 Little Gingerbreads

Five little gingerbread lying on a tray,
 One jumped up and ran away,
 shouting "Catch me, catch me, catch me if you can...
 I run really fast, I'm the gingerbread man!"
Continue counting down until there are none left
 No more gingerbread lying on a tray.
 They all jumped up and ran away!



Snow is Falling all Around

(Sung To: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star")
 Snow is falling all around,
 Falling, falling, to the ground.
 I catch snowflakes on my tongue.
 Building snowmen is such fun.
 Snow is falling all around
 Falling, falling, to the ground.

December is Character Month at the Library!

Storytime will include some of our favorite storybook characters. Stop by to hear stories, sing songs and craft along with the character!
 Visit the Youth Activities Event Calendar for dates and times www.wb-buzz.org/programs/



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 (Summer) Noon – 5 PM
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 (Year round) Noon – 5 PM

