



# WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

# JANUARY 2022 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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MONDAY

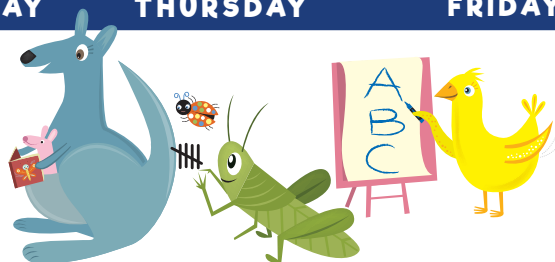
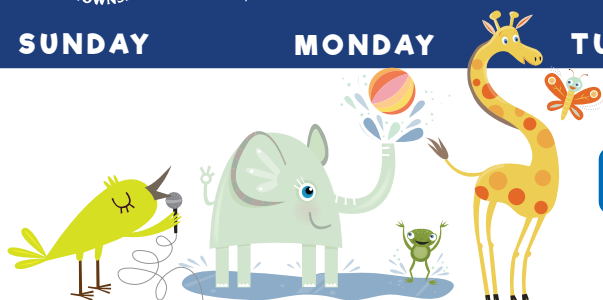
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



## 1 Talking

Look at the clouds in the sky and talk about the different shapes you see them make.

## 2 Singing

Sing the ABC's in different voices. Try a silly voice or a scary voice. Maybe even try a whisper voice.

## 3 Reading

Snuggle up and read a book under a blanket.

## 4 Writing

Trace your hand and decorate it.

## 5 Counting

Go outside and dig in the snow. Count the number of sticks, leaves or rocks you may find while digging.

## 6 Playing

Bring some snow in from outside and build a snowman.

## 7 Talking

Look out the window and name the animals that you see.

## 8 Singing

Celebrate *Bubble Bath Day* by taking a bath and singing your favorite nursery rhymes.

## 9 Reading

Read a book about winter.

## 10 Writing

Practice writing the third letter of your name.

## 11 Counting

Go for a walk and count the number of steps you take.

## 12 Playing

Put some water outside in a plastic container and see how long it takes to freeze.

## 13 Talking

Talk about why water freezes.

## 14 Singing

Sing the *5 Little Snowmen* song today.

## 15 Reading

Look at some pictures and make a story about them.

## 16 Writing

Draw a thank you note for a family member.

## 17 Counting

Count the gloves and mittens in your house.

## 18 Playing

Break the winter blues by having a dance party!

## 19 Talking

Talk about the 4 seasons. What are they called?

## 20 Singing

Sing the *Hibernation* song today.

## 21 Reading

Read a new book by a favorite author.

## 22 Writing

Color a winter scene picture.

## 23 Counting

Practice counting by 2's.

## 24 Playing

Play with puzzles.

## 25 Talking

It's *National Opposites Day*. Dress in opposite types of clothing than your family members and talk about what "opposite" means.

## 26 Singing

Sing a bedtime song to your toys.

## 27 Reading

Read a book about bears.

## 28 Writing

Draw a snowman picture and give it a name. Try writing the letters of the name you chose.

## 29 Counting

Practice counting backwards from 10 to 1.

## 30 Playing

Build a fort and hang out inside.

## 31 Talking

Talk about one thing you can't do in the winter.

# 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 January: Reading

- Don't expect your toddler to sit still for a book. Toddlers need to move, so don't worry if they act out stories or just skip or tumble as you read to them. They may be moving, but they are listening.
- Read favorite stories again and again. Books about things your toddler enjoys like trains, animals, dragons, etc. are great to read over and over again. These books may extend a toddler's attention span and build enthusiasm for reading.
- Try using your child's name as the name of a character in the book. Have fun reading and show your child that reading is enjoyable.

## Book Suggestions for January:

*Squirrel's New Year's Resolution*  
by Pat Miller

*Bear Can't Wait* by Karma Wilson

*A Polar Bear in the Snow*  
by Mac Barnett

*The Smiley Snowman*  
by M. Christina Butler

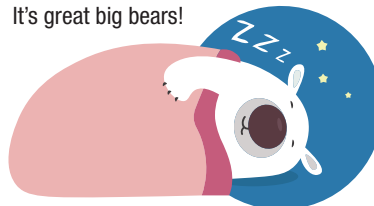
*It's Snowing! It's Snowing!*  
*Winter Poems* by Jack Prelutsky



## Hibernation

(sung to "Do You Know the Muffin Man?")

Do you know who hibernates?  
Who hibernates? Who hibernates?  
Do you know who hibernates?  
It's great big bears!



Change the last sentence to other hibernating animals:

- It's little groundhogs.
- It's slithering snakes.
- It's buzzing bees.
- It's stinky skunks.

## 5 Little Snowmen



Five little snowmen sitting on the ground,  
(stomp feet on the floor)  
The first one said, "oh my aren't we round!"  
(make circle with arms)  
The second one said, "there are snowflakes in the air."  
(point and wiggle fingers)  
The third one said, "but we don't care!"  
(shrug shoulders)  
The fourth one said, "let's run and run and run."  
(run in place)  
The fifth one said "I'm ready for some fun."  
(smile big)  
Whew went the wind (blow) and out came the sun (point).  
And the five little snowmen knew their fun was done.  
(hang head sadly)

## VIRTUAL POSITIVELY PRESCHOOL

This program supports preschoolers' thriving curiosity with hands-on learning experiences that encourage children to explore and create. Storytime kits are available for check out with materials needed for each class during the session. This program is limited to residents of West Bloomfield and contract communities. This program is available via Zoom. Recommended for ages 3-5 years. See the event calendar for more details on dates and times.



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