



# WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

# JANUARY 2023 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
<b>1 Talking</b> Look at the clouds and talk about the different shapes you see.	<b>2 Singing</b> Sing the ABC's	<b>3 Reading</b> Have an adult share their favorite book with you.	<b>4 Writing</b> Write or draw a thank you note to a family member.	<b>5 Counting</b> Count groups of objects you see in your house (chairs, doors, etc.)	<b>6 Playing</b> Pretend you're a plane. Where are you going? What will you do there?	<b>7 Talking</b> Look for tracks in the snow. Talk about the animals that made them.
<b>8 Singing</b> Sing a song in a high voice. Try it again in a low voice.	<b>9 Reading</b> Pick an animal that likes cold weather. Check out a book about that animal to read together.	<b>10 Writing</b> Use finger paint to practice writing letters.	<b>11 Counting</b> Go for a walk and count each step you take.	<b>12 Playing</b> Play with Play-Doh. Can you make numbers or letters?	<b>13 Talking</b> Talk about the foods you eat today. Are they fruits, vegetables, or meats?	<b>14 Singing</b> Find a word that rhymes with your child's first or middle name and make up a song.
<b>15 Reading</b> It's National Hat Day! Read a book while wearing a silly hat today.	<b>16 Writing</b> Work on writing the letter "J" for January.	<b>17 Counting</b> Count the number of pieces of clothing you wear to go outside.	<b>18 Playing</b> Break the winter blues by having a dance party!	<b>19 Talking</b> Talk about one thing you <u>cannot</u> do in the winter.	<b>20 Singing</b> Hum a familiar tune.	<b>21 Reading</b> Snuggle up and read a book under a blanket.
<b>22 Writing</b> Practice writing the third letter of your name.	<b>23 Counting</b> Count to five as you spin in a circle five times.	<b>24 Playing</b> Build a fort and hang out inside.	<b>25 Talking</b> Tell someone about your favorite cookie.	<b>26 Singing</b> Sing "Twinkle, twinkle little star" and look for stars in the night sky.	<b>27 Reading</b> Visit the library this week to enjoy a storytime program!	<b>28 Writing</b> Color a picture for someone special.
<b>29 Counting</b> It's National Puzzle Day! Put together a puzzle and count the pieces.	<b>30 Playing</b> Trace your foot and use scissors to cut it out. Make a path of feet around the house.	<b>31 Talking</b> Look out the window and name the animals that you see.				

# 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 together with your child is an amazing way to bond together. Your child will feel your love and connection on your lap or next to you on the couch with your full undivided attention as you read together. As you bond, reading together increases your child's brain activity (American Academy of Pediatrics), giving them a strong literacy and language foundation.
- Play is such an important part of early literacy! Recent research suggests that unstructured play is tied to better goal-setting abilities in children. Give your child time to play on their own to practice being self-directed, develop executive function skills, and use their imagination.
- It's common for babies to chew on board books. Using the senses of taste and touch helps a baby's brain develop and provides early experiences with books and reading.

## Book Suggestions for January:

*Wolf in the Snow*  
by Matthew Cordell

*Hooray for Hat!*  
by Brian Won

*Jigsaw: Mystery in the Mail*  
by Bob Graham

*Squirrel's New Years Resolution*  
by Pat Miller

*Blizzard* by John Rocco



## Alphabet Song

ABCDEF G  
HIJKLM NOP  
QRS  
TUV  
WXY and Z


Now I know my ABC's.  
Next time won't you sing with me?

## Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star  
How I wonder what you are.  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky,  
Twinkle, twinkle little star  
How I wonder what you are.



When the blazing sun is gone,  
When he nothing shines upon,  
Then you show your little light  
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star  
How I wonder what you are.



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