



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

JULY 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
1 Talking Celebrate Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day. Talk about your favorite flavor and grab a special ice cream snack!	2 Singing Sing a song about stars or the night sky.	3 Reading Read a book and look together for the first letter of your child's name throughout the book.	4 Writing Draw squiggly lines with red, silver and blue crayons to make your own fireworks.	5 Counting Count the windows in your house. From which ones can you see the sun?	6 Playing Freeze a few toys in ice cube trays. Have fun watching them melt outside. Pour water on them to melt them faster.	7 Talking Talk about your favorite summer food.
8 Singing Sing "Down By the Bay" together.	9 Reading Read a book about the outdoors, like the beach, the lake or camping.	10 Writing Draw a night-time sky together. How many different color stars can you include?	11 Counting Count the number of different shapes you see in a room.	12 Playing Have a picnic outside with your favorite stuffed animals.	13 Talking Talk about the bugs you see out during the summer.	14 Singing Sing your ABCs slow and then fast.
15 Reading Read a book published this year.	16 Writing Draw pictures on the sidewalk with chalk.	17 Counting Count the clouds in the sky.	18 Playing Make your own giant bubbles. Mix together 6 cups of water, 1 cup of light corn syrup and 2 cups of Joy dish soap.	19 Talking Talk about the things you see that are hot from the sun.	20 Singing Sing "The 5 Little Ducks." How loud can you quack to help momma duck get her ducklings back to her?	21 Reading Have a reading party with your family. Pick favorite books and have fun reading them together.
22 Writing Use a stick to draw letters or shapes in the sand or mud around your house.	23 Counting Count bubbles in the sky as you blow bubbles outside.	24 Playing Attend the Funny Magic Show at Roosevelt Elementary School and see some new and exciting magic tricks!	25 Talking Talk about what you like to do at the beach.	26 Singing Sing your favorite song while swimming or in the bathtub.	27 Reading Spread out a towel and read a book in the sun or in the shade.	28 Writing Practice writing letters.
29 Counting Count how many items are on the dinner table.	30 Playing Guy Louis visits the Main Library with the Worlds of Music Concert. Come sing, dance and have some fun!	31 Talking Talk about the colors around you.	<div> <p>© the West Bloomfield Township Public Library www.growupreading.org</p> </div>			

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 July: Talking & Singing

- Talk to your infant. As you gaze at your child and have a “conversation,” your baby will respond, smile and “talk” to you. This is how children begin to understand language.
- Vary the pitch of your voice to get your child’s attention while you are talking.
- Teach your children nursery rhymes, which will help them learn about language and later learn to read. When singing nursery rhymes, we naturally speak more clearly and slowly, which is a good way for children to hear the sounds that make up words.

Book Suggestions for July:

Duck & Goose go to the Beach
by Tad Hills

Camp Rex by Molly Idle

Square
by Mac Barnett & Jon Klassen

Zoomer's Summer Snowstorm
by Ned Young



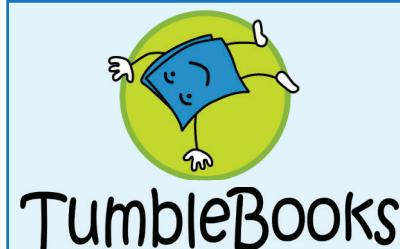
Down by the Bay

Down by the bay,
Where the watermelons grow,
Back to my home,
I dare not go.
For if I do
my mother will say,
“Did you ever see a cat wearing a hat?”
Down by the bay.



Repeat with:

“Did you ever see a goat rowing a boat?”
Down by the bay.
“Did you ever see a frog walking a dog?”
Down by the bay.
“Did you ever see a bear combing his hair?”
Down by the bay.
“Did you ever see a llama wearing pajamas?”
Down by the bay.
“Did you ever see a dragon pulling a wagon?”
Down by the bay



Books come to life with animation, music and narration in a special collection from the Library called TumbleBooks. Children can watch and listen as stories unfold, and young readers can build vocabulary and comprehension skills by following along with the text. Children can also play games and solve puzzles related to the books.

Tumblebooks can be viewed on a computer or tablet. A Tumblebooks app is available for both Apple iOS and Android devices. To try Tumblebooks, go to www.westbloomfieldlibrary.org and click “eLibrary.”



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