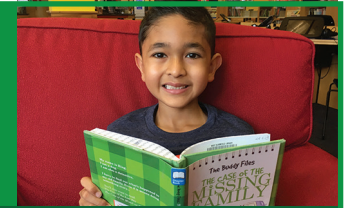


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August 2020 Early Elementary Literacy

Help your child develop literacy skills and Grow Up Reading™. Enjoy a fun family activity each day that helps teach important skills for reading success.



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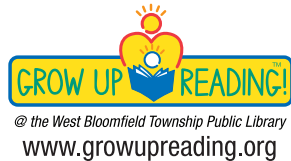
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Enjoy a family activity every day while helping your child build important literacy skills incorporating the five elements of reading: phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 Fluency</p> <p>Play Sight Word Hopscotch. (See the back for details.)</p>						
<p>2 Vocabulary</p> <p>Choose a Word of the Week. Encourage your family to use the word often.</p>	<p>3 Fluency</p> <p>Check out a poetry book and have a family poetry night.</p>	<p>4 Fluency</p> <p>Sign up for the Library's Summer Reading Program by visiting the Library's website.</p>	<p>5 Comprehension</p> <p>Read a book together using BookFLIX. Discuss the setting of the story.</p>	<p>6 Phonemic Awareness</p> <p>Play I Spy using letter sounds. "I spy something that starts with the sound /sss/."</p>	<p>7 Vocabulary</p> <p>Take a walk through your neighborhood. How many items can you find that start with the letter /b/?</p>	<p>8 Phonemic Awareness</p> <p>Say a word in segments and ask a family member to guess the word. Example: plum=pl--u--m.</p>
<p>9 Fluency</p> <p>Read a story together using TumbleBooks. Take turns reading alternate lines.</p>	<p>10 Phonics</p> <p>Play Consonant Blends Tic-Tac Toe. (See the back for details.)</p>	<p>11 Phonics</p> <p>Have a Vowel Scavenger Hunt. (See the back for details.)</p>	<p>12 Vocabulary</p> <p>Play the Synonyms Game. One person says a word and the other says a word with a similar meaning.</p>	<p>13 Vocabulary</p> <p>Visit www.puzzlemaker.com and create a puzzle using the vocabulary words.</p>	<p>14 Phonics</p> <p>Make up silly sentences using words that begin with the same sound.</p>	<p>15 Fluency</p> <p>Read the same passage from a book using different emotions. (Examples: happy, sad, excited)</p>
<p>16 Phonemic Awareness</p> <p>Take turns where one person reads a sight word and the other names the beginning sound.</p>	<p>17 Vocabulary</p> <p>Create a list of homonyms together. Examples: rain-reign, see-sea. Make up silly sentences using both versions of the word.</p>	<p>18 Comprehension</p> <p>Check out an information book. Before reading it, discuss what you would like to learn about.</p>	<p>19 Phonemic Awareness</p> <p>Think of a short word, such as "dog". Take turns changing one sound to make a new word. Example: frog, log, bog.</p>	<p>20 Fluency</p> <p>Take turns with someone saying a word and the other person clapping once for each sound. (Example: flower=fl--ow--er)</p>	<p>21 Phonics</p> <p>Play Vowel Team Balloon Toss. (See the back for details.)</p>	<p>22 Comprehension</p> <p>Read a page from an information book. Discuss the main idea.</p>
<p>23 Phonemic Awareness</p> <p>Make up silly sentences using words that rhyme.</p>	<p>24 Fluency</p> <p>Have a Sight Word Relay. (See the back for details.)</p>	<p>25 Fluency</p> <p>Go outside and write the sight words using sidewalk chalk.</p>	<p>26 Vocabulary</p> <p>Have a family game night featuring vocabulary-building games, such as Banagrams and Scrabble Jr.</p>	<p>27 Comprehension</p> <p>Check out an information book. What do you already know about this topic? What would you like to learn?</p>	<p>28 Phonics</p> <p>Toss a ball back and forth. The person tossing says a word and the person catching says a word that rhymes.</p>	<p>29 Comprehension</p> <p>Read a story together. Which character would you like to meet?</p>
<p>30 Phonics</p> <p>Take turns naming words that rhyme.</p>	<p>31 Comprehension</p> <p>Read two books on the same topic. How are they similar and different?</p>					

Books to read this month:

Boomer's Big Surprise

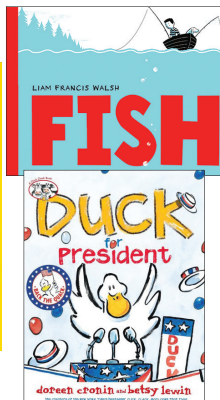
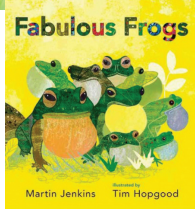
by Constance McGeorge (TumbleBooks)

Duck for President by Doreen Cronin (BookFLIX)

Fabulous Frogs by Martin Jenkins (non-fiction)

Night Sky by Stephanie Warren Drimmer (non-fiction)

Fish by Liam Francis Walsh (wordless)



Sight Word Relay

Take six sheets of paper and write one sight word on each. Tape them next to each other on a wall. Take turns in which one person calls out a word, and the other person runs to the wall and taps the paper with that word. Variations include hopping, skipping, jumping.



Consonant Blends Tic-Tac-Toe

Draw a Tic-Tac-Toe grid, featuring a letter-blend word in each square. (Examples: grow, sand, snake, flag, brush, frog, tree, shape, glue) Players can take turns reading the word in each space before placing an X or O.

Vowel Team Balloon Toss

Use a permanent marker to write out words containing vowel teams on a balloon. Examples: toad, cloud, rain, clay, moon, read. Toss the balloon back and forth. Read the word that's on top when you catch it.

Vowel Scavenger Hunt

Prepare a set of index cards with one vowel sound per card, and put them all into a pile face down. Choose a card and go over the sound that it makes. Look for items throughout your house or yard that contain that sound.



Elements of Reading:

Phonics – The relationship between letters and the individual sounds in spoken language.

Phonemic Awareness – Phonemes are the smallest units which make up spoken language. Phonemic awareness refers to a person's ability to manipulate phonemes in syllables and words.

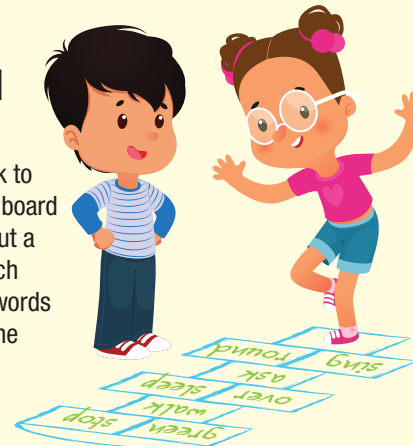
Fluency – The ability to read with appropriate speed, accuracy, and proper expression.

Vocabulary – Students with a strong vocabulary have an easier time understanding what they are reading.

Comprehension – The ability of a person to understand what s/he is reading.

Sight Word Hopscotch

Use sidewalk chalk to draw a Hopscotch board on the sidewalk. Put a sight word into each square. Read the words as you jump into the squares.



Vocabulary Words for August: tree, ship, ring, nest, shell, ivy, tusk, braid, mile, fern

For additional vocabulary words, visit this website:
www.vocabulary.com/lists

Sight Words for August: ask, fly, over, round, stop, walk, sing, sleep, wish, green

For additional sight words, visit this website:
www.sightwords.com/sight-words/dolch

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