

Developed by the West Bloomfield Township Public Library

July 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.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
  <p>@ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library www.growupreading.org</p>			1 Comprehension <i>Use Bookflix to read a fiction and non-fiction book on the same topic. How are they similar and different?</i>	2 Fluency <i>Play a game of Sight Word Beanbag Toss. (See the back for details.)</i>	3 Vocabulary <i>Take turns drawing a picture of a vocabulary word and having the other person guess what it is.</i>	4 Phonics <i>Take turns naming words that rhyme.</i>
5 Phonemic Awareness <i>Play a game of I Spy with sounds. (Example: I spy something that starts with the sound /sh/.)</i>	6 Comprehension <i>Before reading a new book together, look at the cover and make predictions about the story.</i>	7 Phonics <i>Toss a ball back and forth. The person tossing says a word, and the person catching says a rhyming word.</i>	8 Fluency <i>Play a game of Tic-Tac-Toe using a sight word in each square. Read the word before placing an X or O.</i>	9 Comprehension <i>Read an information book using Bookflix. Discuss the main idea.</i>	10 Phonemic Awareness <i>Toss a beanbag into a basket for every sound in a word.</i>	11 Comprehension <i>Read the first chapter of a book together. What do you think will happen next?</i>
12 Vocabulary <i>Choose a Word of the Week. Encourage everyone in your family to use the word often.</i>	13 Fluency <i>Sign up for the Library's Summer Reading Program at www.westbloomfieldlibrary.org/summer</i>	14 Comprehension <i>Read a story together using Tumblebooks. Retell the beginning, middle, and end in your own words.</i>	15 Fluency <i>Practice reading sight words with a Word Hunt game. (See the back for details.)</i>	16 Phonemic Awareness <i>Think of a short word, such as "cat". Take turns changing one sound to make a new word. Examples: hat, bat, sat</i>	17 Comprehension <i>Read a story together. Draw a picture of your favorite character.</i>	18 Vocabulary <i>Visit www.puzzlemaker.com and create a puzzle using the vocabulary words.</i>
19 Comprehension <i>Read a story together. Retell it in your own words.</i>	20 Phonemic Awareness <i>Take turns with one person saying a word and the other hopping once for each sound. (Example: book=b--oo-k)</i>	21 Fluency <i>Read the same passage in a book with different emotions. (Examples: happy, sad, excited)</i>	22 Phonemic Awareness <i>Take turns identifying the beginning, middle, and ending sounds in a word.</i>	23 Fluency <i>Write out the sight words with sidewalk chalk.</i>	24 Vocabulary <i>Play the Synonyms Game. One person says a word and the other says a word with a similar meaning.</i>	25 Phonics <i>Have a Phonics Relay. (See the back for details.)</i>
26 Fluency <i>Check out a poetry book using Hoopla. Take turns reading poems aloud.</i>	27 Vocabulary <i>Have a family game night featuring vocabulary-building games, such as Scrabble Jr. or Banagrams.</i>	28 Fluency <i>Play Sight Word Balloon Toss. (See the back for details.)</i>	29 Vocabulary <i>Act out the sight words and have a family member guess the word.</i>	30 Fluency <i>Spread Playdough on a table. Use your finger to write the sight words in it.</i>	31 Phonemic Awareness <i>Say a word in segments and have a family member guess the word. (Example: snail=snn--ai--lll)</i>	

eBooks to read this month:

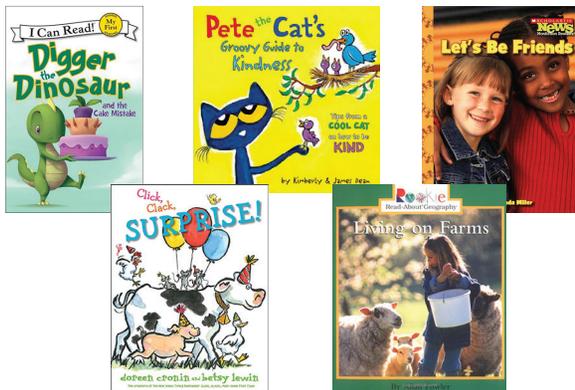
Click Clack Surprise! by Doreen Cronin (Cloud Library)

Pete the Cat's Groovy Guide to Kindness
by James Dean (Cloud Library)

Living on Farms by Allan Fowler (Bookflix)

Let's Be Friends by Amanda Miller (Bookflix)

Digger the Dinosaur by Rebecca Kai Dotlich (Tumblebooks)



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 Balloon Toss

Take a balloon or lightweight ball and write out the sight words on it. Take turns tossing it in the air, and reading the word that's on top when you catch it.



Phonics Relay

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



Sight Word Bean Bag Toss

Prepare a set of index cards, with one sight word per card. Lay them out on the floor. Players can take turns tossing the bean bag onto the cards, and then reading the word on the card where their bean bag lands.

Vocabulary Words for July:

hat, bat, bus, tree, ship, nest, shell, braid, float, coast

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

Word Hunt Game

Prepare two sets of index cards, with one sight word per card. Take the first set and put individual cards in different spots throughout your house or yard. Shuffle the second set, and take turns reading the word on a card and then searching for the matching card.

Sight Words for July:

every, fly, her, him, may, of, put, wash, wish, write

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

Digraph Scavenger Hunt

Digraphs are sounds that are made up of two letters. (Examples: ph, ch, ng, ph, sh, th, wh)

Take turns searching throughout your house for items that have a digraph in them.

(Examples: phone, brush, ring)



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