



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL 2021 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 Tell a joke to someone to celebrate April Fool's Day!	2 Singing Sing a bedtime song to your toys.	3 Reading Read a book about Spring time!
4 Writing Write a list of your family members.	5 Counting Work on a puzzle together. How many pieces are in your puzzle?	6 Playing Jump up and down on one foot.	7 Talking Talk about things that make you happy.	8 Singing Sing the fingerplay <i>5 Little Ducks</i> today.	9 Reading Enjoy the Library for <i>National Library Week</i> and pick out a favorite book to take home to read together.	10 Writing Use your snack; pretzels, goldfish, fruit, etc. to form letters or shapes.
11 Counting Count to 10! Can you try counting to 10 in another language?	12 Playing Play a card game like Go Fish! with your family or friends.	13 Talking Talk about what you did today. What was your favorite part of the day?	14 Singing Make up a song about sweeping the house.	15 Reading Read <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> by Eric Carle. What foods did he eat? What foods would you eat?	16 Writing Use chalk to write on colored paper.	17 Counting Sort your blocks by color and shape. Count how many are in each pile.
18 Playing It's <i>National Jugglers Day!</i> Practice juggling by tossing balls back and forth from one hand to the other.	19 Talking Talk about your favorite thing to do on a rainy day.	20 Singing Listen to some music and sing along together.	21 Reading Read a book about gardens or plants.	22 Writing Make a dot painting using your fingers or a Q-tip.	23 Counting Count the number of steps it takes to walk across your room.	24 Playing Pretend to play outside in the rain and jump in the puddles (or do it for real if it's raining).
25 Talking Talk about a relative you don't see very often.	26 Singing Sing <i>The Ants Go Marching</i> today.	27 Reading Read a book with a green cover.	28 Writing Work on drawing shapes. Can you make 4 squares? Or try 3 circles?	29 Counting Count your fingers and your toes.	30 Playing Plan an outdoor picnic!	

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 April: Reading

- Help your preschooler develop the ability to comprehend the individual sounds in words by playing some verbal games, such as I Spy or Rhyming Words. These games will help your child to hear and identify the beginnings and end sounds of a word. "I Spy" is a classic game that can be played at home or on the go. Start a sentence with "I Spy with my little eye something beginning with..." and tell your child a letter of the alphabet. Look around for items that begin with that letter.
- Discover wordless picture books together. Ask your child lots of questions about what is happening on the page, what they think will happen next, and why.
- Nonfiction books are great for young children and there are many on-level books with plenty of pictures designed especially for kids this age with topics they're sure to love!

Book Suggestions for April:

A Peaceful Garden
by Lucy London

Plants by Robin Twiddy

The Very Hungry Caterpillar
by Eric Carle

Hello Spring!
by Shelley Rotner

Sunny's Tow Truck Saves the Day!
by Anne Marie Pace



The Ants Go Marching

The ants go marching one by one
(hold up one finger)

Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching one by one,
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching one by one,
The little one stops to suck his thumb
(pretend to suck thumb)
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching two by two
(hold up two fingers)

Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching two by two,
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching two by two,
The little one stops to tie his shoe
(pretend to tie shoe)
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching three by three
(hold up three fingers)

Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching three by three,
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching three by three,
The little one stops to climb a tree
(pretend to climb a tree)
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching four by four
(hold up four fingers)

Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching four by four,
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching four by four,
The little one stops to shut the door
(pretend to shut a door)
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching five by five
(hold up five fingers)

Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching five by five,
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching five by five,
The little one stops to take a dive
(pretend to dive)
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.



Five Little Ducks

5 Little ducks went out to play
Over the hills and far away.
When the momma duck said,
Quack, quack, quack!
4 little ducks came waddling back!

Continue with 4, 3, 2, 1 ducks.

...No little ducks came waddling back.
So then all my friends quacked as loud
as they could to help momma duck get
all her ducklings back!
"Quack, quack, quack!"
And 5 Little ducks came waddling back!



TumbleBooks are animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love.

Located online via the Library website, these books appeal to young readers and can be read by the child or with help.



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