



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

# AUGUST 2019 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.

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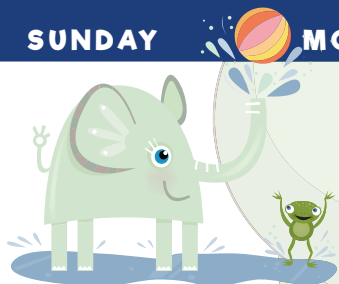
TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

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SATURDAY



@ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library  
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## 1 Talking

Walk through your house and look for words that start with the same letter as your name.

## 2 Singing

Tap two sticks to the beat of a song.

## 3 Reading

Check out a children's magazine to read.

## 4 Writing

In honor of Friendship Day draw a picture and give it to a friend.

## 5 Counting

Count the number of bugs you see on your driveway.

## 6 Playing

Use buckets and brushes and have a car wash for your toys.

## 7 Talking

Talk about things that start with the letter "A" like August.

## 8 Singing

Sing Old MacDonald Had a Farm today. What animals did you add to your farm?

## 9 Reading

Read a favorite book. Draw a picture about the book and talk about it.

## 10 Writing

Practice writing letters in the sandbox.

## 11 Counting

Count the stairs as you walk up and down today.

## 12 Playing

Play restaurant and take food orders from your family.

## 13 Talking

Talk about the animals you learned about at the Animal Astronaut program at Roosevelt Elementary today.

## 14 Singing

Sing Old MacDonald Had an Ocean today.

## 15 Reading

While out for a walk read the words from signs that you see.

## 16 Writing

Write the word "hot" and then draw a picture of something hot.

## 17 Counting

Count how many books you've read this week.

## 18 Playing

Make up a game about wiggling your toes and teach it to others today.

## 19 Talking

Talk about opposites with today's weather. Is it sunny or cloudy? Is it warm or cold?

## 20 Singing

Make music with your outside toys.

## 21 Reading

Have a family story time and have everyone pick out a book to read aloud.

## 22 Writing

Practice writing words that start with "A".

## 23 Counting

Count the buttons on your clothes.

## 24 Playing

Play catch with your favorite ball today.

## 25 Talking

Tell a story about a place you would like to visit.

## 26 Singing

Sing the ABC song loudly. Then try it softly.

## 27 Reading

Log your summer reading hours and visit the library book fair to pick up your brand new books!

## 28 Writing

Add food coloring to whipped cream and draw the letters of your name on a cookie sheet.

## 29 Counting

Count the different flowers you see in the backyard.

## 30 Playing

Play "I Spy" with rhymes—example: "I spy something that rhymes with sock."

## 31 Talking

Talk about your favorite summer memory.

# 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 August: Talking and Playing

- Encourage your child and express your pride. Nothing fosters a love for learning faster than the encouragement of a proud parent. Whether your child just learned the ABCs or finished reading a whole book, be sure to tell them what a great job they've done. Recognizing their hard work paying off will set healthy patterns for their future growth and development.
- Dramatic play has a profound effect on language and literacy development. Provide many opportunities for play by providing a variety of props and objects along with themes and pretend scenarios for your child.
- At home, parents can encourage play by creating a safe environment for your child and by playing with them! Don't think of playing as a break from learning, but rather learning itself.

## Book Suggestions for August:

*Highlights for Children*  
by Highlights for Children, INC.

*Goldfish on Vacation*  
by Sally Lloyd Jones

*The Pirates of Scurvy Sands:*  
*Starring the Jolley-Rogers*  
by Johnny Duddle

*Summer Treasure*  
by Margaret McNamara

*Lazy Days of Summer*  
by Judy Young



## Old MACDONALD Had a Farm

Old MACDONALD had a farm  
E-I-E-I-O  
And on his farm he had a cow  
E-I-E-I-O  
With a moo moo here  
And a moo moo there  
Here a moo, there a moo  
Everywhere a moo moo  
Old MacDonald had a farm  
E-I-E-I-O.

Add new animals and sounds;  
Pig/Oink; Duck/Quack; Horse/Neigh, etc.

## Old MACDONALD Had an Ocean

Old MACDONALD had an ocean  
E-I-E-I-O  
And in his ocean he had a shark  
E-I-E-I-O  
With a chomp chomp here  
And a chomp chomp there  
Here a chomp, there a chomp  
Everywhere a chomp chomp.  
Old MacDonald had an ocean  
E-I-E-I-O.

Add new animals and sounds;  
Crab/Pinch; Whale/Spout; Fish/Swish;  
Octopus/Wiggle



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