



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2022 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
<p>GROW UP READING! @ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library growupreading.org</p>						
<p>4 Writing</p> <p>Draw a picture of your favorite winter activity.</p>	<p>5 Counting</p> <p>Count the stars in the sky before bed.</p>	<p>6 Playing</p> <p>Visit the library and have fun playing in the youth room.</p>	<p>7 Talking</p> <p>Talk about things that start with the letter "D" like December.</p>	<p>1 Talking</p> <p>Talk about things that are white like snow.</p>	<p>2 Singing</p> <p>Sing in the bathtub.</p>	<p>3 Reading</p> <p>Read a book about winter weather.</p>
<p>11 Counting</p> <p>Count the snowmen in your neighborhood.</p>	<p>12 Playing</p> <p>Sit on the floor and roll a ball back and forth to another person.</p>	<p>13 Talking</p> <p>Talk about animals that like cold weather.</p>	<p>14 Singing</p> <p>Make up a song about snowmen.</p>	<p>8 Singing</p> <p>Use bells, maracas, or shakers while you sing your favorite songs.</p>	<p>9 Reading</p> <p>Read the book <i>The Polar Express</i> this month.</p>	<p>10 Writing</p> <p>Cut out shapes from coffee filters and turn them into snowflakes you can hang on a window.</p>
<p>18 Playing</p> <p>Pretend to make hot chocolate in your kitchen. Don't forget the marshmallows!</p>	<p>19 Talking</p> <p>Talk about why we feel cold in the winter.</p>	<p>20 Singing</p> <p>Sing the song <i>5 Little Snowmen</i> today.</p>	<p>21 Reading</p> <p>Read a book with a white cover.</p>	<p>15 Reading</p> <p>Read a book about snowmen.</p>	<p>16 Writing</p> <p>Use your fingers to make letters in shaving cream.</p>	<p>17 Counting</p> <p>Count the number of green items in your house.</p>
<p>25 Talking</p> <p>Talk about the different holidays celebrated around the world.</p>	<p>26 Singing</p> <p>Sing the song <i>Dance Around the Snowman</i>. Can you add your own movement verses?</p>	<p>27 Reading</p> <p>Visit the library and check out your favorite book to read with your family.</p>	<p>28 Writing</p> <p>Draw a picture of a snowman.</p>	<p>22 Writing</p> <p>Draw a picture for someone special.</p>	<p>23 Counting</p> <p>Count the number of steps from your bed to the kitchen.</p>	<p>24 Playing</p> <p>Play with your favorite blocks today.</p>
<p>29 Counting</p> <p>Write numbers on cut-out mittens. Put the mittens in numerical order.</p>	<p>30 Playing</p> <p>Have an indoor snowball fight using rolled up paper or even socks.</p>	<p>31 Talking</p> <p>Make a clock out of a paper plate and count down to "midnight" on it! Happy New Year!</p>				

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 December: Counting and Playing

- Introduce counting to your child from birth. One way is to start by asking your child “how old are you?” with you holding up the correct number of fingers. If your child is not ready to model this behavior, continue to occasionally show them. Eventually they will.
- You can help your child learn to count by making counting a fun part of your day. Count socks as you sort them; count the juice boxes in your refrigerator; count the cars and buses going by. The more experience children have with counting, the more they will learn the meaning of numbers.
- Children are playful by nature. Their earliest experiences exploring with their senses lead them to play, first by themselves and eventually with others. The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) has included play as a criterion in its accreditation process for programs for young children. “They call it their work,” says Peter Pizzolongo, associate director for professional development at NAEYC. “When they’re learning and playing with joy, then it’s a positive experience. They develop a positive approach to learning.”

Book Suggestions for December:

The Polar Express
by Chris Van Allsburg

Snowmen at Night
by Caralyn Buehner

Sea Bear: A Journey For Survival
by Lindsay Moore

Froggy Builds a Snowman
by Jonathan London

If It's Snowy and You Know It, Clap Your Paws! by Kim Norman



5 Little Snowmen

(Tune: Five Little Ducks)

Five little snowmen all made of snow,
Five little snowmen standing in a row,
Out came the sun and stayed all day,
And one little snowman melted away.
Repeat until no snowmen are left.

Dance Around the Snowman

(Tune: Mulberry Bush)

This is the way we dance around,
Dance around,
Dance around.

This is the way we dance around,
Our snowman in the morning.

- *skip around
- *twirl around
- *crawl around
- *hop around
- *spin around
- *gallop around
- *sneak around
- *tip toe around





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