



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2020 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

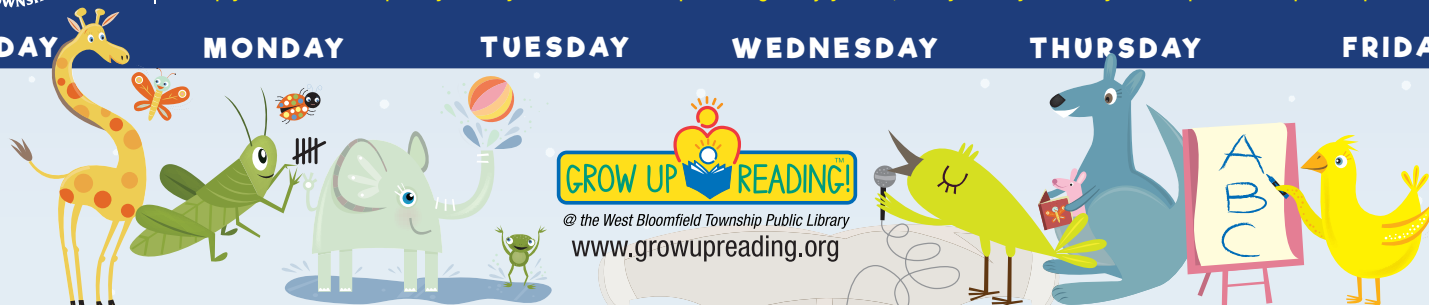
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



GROW UP READING!

@ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library
www.growupreading.org

1 Talking

Talk about words that start with the letter F, like "February."

2 Singing

Sing your favorite song fast. Now try to sing it slow.

3 Reading

It's Elmo's Birthday! Read a Sesame Street book today.

4 Writing

Make a valentine for someone you love.

5 Counting

Grab your favorite blocks and count them. How high can you count?

6 Playing

Put items into a pillowcase. Reach inside and feel them. Can you guess what they are?

7 Talking

Talk about the textures you felt on the items in the pillowcase yesterday.

8 Singing

Visit the Main Library for Spectacular Saturdays storytime and have fun singing and dancing together.

9 Reading

Have a friend or family member read you a book over the phone.

10 Writing

Draw a heart and color inside for those who love.

11 Counting

Mix up colorful socks and match them back up. Count how many socks you matched correctly.

12 Playing

Gather a bunch of toys and sort them into categories by size.

13 Talking

Talk about all the things you LOVE about your family.

14 Singing

It's Valentine's Day. Sing Skidamarink together to show your love for one another.

15 Reading

It's VIP Day at the Westacres Branch. Visit with your special person, make crafts and find great books to read together.

16 Writing

Help write a grocery list. Draw pictures instead of words.

17 Counting

Count the number of items on your lunch plate today.

18 Playing

Dance to a song and pause the music randomly for a freeze dance!

19 Talking

Talk about the weather outside.

20 Singing

Sing a song in different animal voices.

21 Reading

Tell your favorite story in your own words.

22 Writing

Draw a picture together.

23 Counting

Guess how many steps it takes to walk to your mailbox. Then count the steps. Were you right?

24 Playing

Check out a new music CD from the Library. Choose a song and dance.

25 Talking

Talk about something that made you happy today.

26 Singing

Sing the Hokey Pokey and act it out.

27 Reading

Tell a story about a pet you have or want to have.

28 Writing

Practice writing your name in the snow.

29 Counting

Count the number of red things you see around you today.

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 February Singing and Reading:

- Music plays a vital role in the growth and development of young children. Whenever appropriate, have music playing in the home. It really doesn't matter what type of music, any and all music is great!
- Singing with your child is an excellent way to help them appreciate music. It doesn't matter how well you sing as a parent, you can still sing simple songs. As with most things concerning young children, repetition is important. Singing a small number of songs on a regular basis will help your child learn basic melodies and rhythms.
- While you sing and hold your baby, you introduce new vocabulary. For example, when you hold up a stuffed dog as you sing about a dog, baby learns to associate the name of that toy with the words you sing.

Book Suggestions for February:

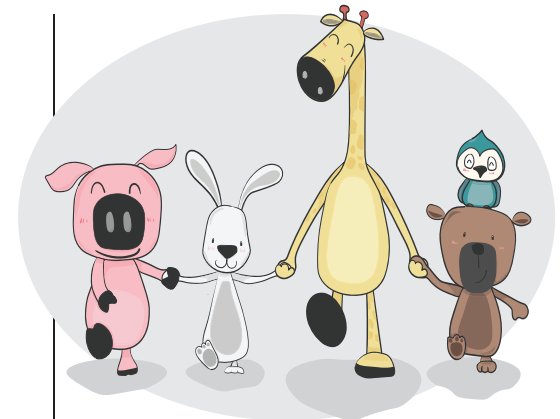
- Splat the Cat: Funny Valentine*
by Rob Scotton
- Groundhog's Day Off*
by Robb Pearlman
- All You Need is Love*
by John Lennon and Paul McCartney
- Love From The Very Hungry Caterpillar*
by Eric Carle
- Animals In Winter*
by Henrietta Bancroft



Skidamarink

Skidamarink a dink a dink,
Skidamarink a doo,
I love you.
Skidamarink a dink a dink,
Skidamarink a doo,
I love you.

I love you in the morning
And in the afternoon,
I love you in the evening
And underneath the moon;
Oh, Skidamarink a dink a dink,
Skidamarink a doo,
I love you!



The Hokey Pokey

You put your right foot in,
You take your right foot out.
You put your right foot in
And you shake it all about.
You do the hokey pokey
And you turn yourself around.
That's what it's all about.

(Repeat with "left foot,"
"right hand," "left hand,"
"whole self"!)



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