



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

JULY 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



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



1 Talking

Talk about things that start with the letter "J" like July.

2 Singing

Sing your favorite nursery rhyme quickly then try it slowly.

3 Reading

Make up your own story and tell it to others.

4 Writing

Draw pictures on the sidewalk with chalk.

5 Counting

Count the windows in your house.

6 Playing

Create an obstacle course out of furniture and other household items.

7 Talking

Tell your own story using today's weather as part of the story.

8 Singing

Have fun with the Playground Song Today.

9 Reading

See how many things you can find in your house that start with the same beginning sound as "summer."

10 Writing

It's Teddy Bear Picnic Day! Have a picnic with your stuffed animal friends and draw a menu.

11 Counting

Gather shoes from different people in your family and sort them by size.

12 Playing

Create a puppet show and host a show for your family.

13 Talking

Talk about the different shapes you see around you.

14 Singing

Gather pots, pans and spoons and make your own music.

15 Reading

Read a story that takes place at night.

16 Writing

Practice writing your name.

17 Counting

Count the clouds in the sky.

18 Playing

With an adult, bounce a balloon back and forth with each other.

19 Talking

Talk about things that are hot like the sun.

20 Singing

Make a movement pattern using claps or stomps.

21 Reading

Pick your favorite book and read it outside to the birds.

22 Writing

Draw a picture of your favorite summertime fruits and vegetables.

23 Counting

Collect some rocks, clean them, and then draw numbers on them. Use them to practice your counting.

24 Playing

Pretend you are on a beach vacation in your backyard.

25 Talking

Talk about the bugs you see outside.

26 Singing

Have fun and be silly today! Do the Hokey Pokey with your family.

27 Reading

Read a book published this year.

28 Writing

Draw letters in the sand or dirt around your house.

29 Counting

Roll the dice and count the dots (add them together). Find that many sticks outside your home.

30 Playing

Put some tape on your floor in different shapes. Find items those shapes and fill up your shape.

31 Talking

Talk about the names of each month.

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 July: Playing & Counting

- Play is how children begin to understand and process their world. Children's play unlocks their creativity and imagination, and develops reading, thinking, and problem solving skills as well as further develops motor skills. It provides the base foundation for learning.
- Playtime supports social interaction. Children who regularly play with peers or family members learn how to share, get along, solve problems and communicate with others.
- Building on the beginning understanding of numbers is important. Every time you name a number, such as noticing, "Oh! I dropped three of the crayons," you are helping to teach a number word and its connection to a specific quantity. However, if you do it consistently, you are doing much more. You are encouraging children to think of the world in terms of, and to spontaneously recognize, numbers.

Book Suggestions for July:

The Sandcastle that Lola Built
by Megan Maynor

A Perfect Day by Lane Smith

And Then Comes Summer
by Tom Brenner

Froggy's Lemonade Stand
by Jonathan London

What Do You Do With a Tail Like This
by Steve Jenkins



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! (clap, clap)



Continue verses with left foot, right arm,
left arm, backside, head and whole body.

The Playground Song

(Sung to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Pump, pump, pump the swing
Pump the swing so high.
You pump so high
You touch the sky
Then down you come again.

Climb, climb, climb the bars
Climb the bars so high.
You climb so high
You touch the sky
Then down you climb again.

Ride, ride, ride your trike
Around the yard again.
You ride so fast
You're back at last
Then you ride again.



Looking for ways to engage your child in literacy learning?

Take a look at the West Bloomfield Township Public Library's Grow Up Reading page for activities to do with children, book suggestions, and overall children's development.



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