



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

# JUNE 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
			<b>1 Talking</b> It's National Say Something Nice Day. Tell someone something nice today.	<b>2 Singing</b> Pick a nursery rhyme to practice this month until you have it memorized.	<b>3 Reading</b> Pick 3 books to read together before bed.	<b>4 Writing</b> Practice cutting with scissors and scrap paper.
<b>5 Counting</b> Count groups of things in one room. For example, how many stuffed animals are in your bedroom?	<b>6 Playing</b> Build a tall tower out of blocks.	<b>7 Talking</b> Talk about the fun things you can do in the summer.	<b>8 Singing</b> It's World Ocean Day! Summer Reading 2022, Oceans of Possibilities will be starting soon! Sing <i>The Waves in the Sea</i> .	<b>9 Reading</b> Read a book about an ocean animal.	<b>10 Writing</b> Practice writing the name of your favorite animal. Draw a picture under the word.	<b>11 Counting</b> How high can you count?
<b>12 Playing</b> Play "I Spy" with objects in your backyard.	<b>13 Talking</b> Talk about the days of the week and the months of the year.	<b>14 Singing</b> Sing the song "BINGO" and change the name to "SUNNY".	<b>15 Reading</b> Read a book about summer.	<b>16 Writing</b> Use materials found around the house to make an underwater scene.	<b>17 Counting</b> Count the number of birds you see today out your window.	<b>18 Playing</b> Practice walking backwards.
<b>19 Talking</b> Talk about things you can do in warm weather that you can't do in the cold weather.	<b>20 Singing</b> Sing your favorite song to the birds, squirrels, or other animals you see outside today.	<b>21 Reading</b> It's National Seashell Day! Read a book about seashells or the beach to celebrate.	<b>22 Writing</b> Explore shadows outside and draw a shadow on paper or on the sidewalk.	<b>23 Counting</b> On National Pink Day count the number of pink things you see around the house.	<b>24 Playing</b> Take a trip to the neighborhood park.	<b>25 Talking</b> Take a walk and talk about the things you see.
<b>26 Singing</b> What words can rhyme with "sun"? Sing the words as you say them to make a silly song.	<b>27 Reading</b> Make up a story together. Take turns telling parts of the story.	<b>28 Writing</b> Paint with water outside on the ground.	<b>29 Counting</b> Cut a piece of fruit to share and count the pieces.	<b>30 Playing</b> Clean your toys and have fun at the same time! Place your toy animals in a tub of water and have fun cleaning them.	<p>@ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library  <a href="http://www.growupreading.org">www.growupreading.org</a></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 June: Playing & Counting

- Build physical activity into your family's daily routine. Try and make an evening routine that includes some form of physical activity together. It could be taking a walk, playing catch or riding a bike. If evenings don't work for your lifestyle, try and find another time of the day where you can be active together for 15 minutes a day.
- You can support your child's exploration by being an active role model. Engage in the play along with your child and demonstrate different ways of playing. Remember that it's not always essential that a child is playing with the "correct" movements or words, but learning to have fun while they are playing will lead to success later in developing their physical skills.
- Play the same games over and over with your child. While this may not be as entertaining for you as the adult, children learn through play. Therefore, repeating the same activities allows for them to "do it themselves" which brings confidence and joy and to reinforce the feelings, they will want to do it over and over again.

## Book Suggestions for June:

*Field trip to the ocean deep* by John Hare

*Captain Aquatica's awesome ocean* by Jess Cramp with Grace Hill Smith and Joe Levit

*Ocean life* by Jill McDonald

*Wow! Ocean!* by Robert Neubecker

*Ocean animals* by Laaren Brown



## The Waves in the Sea

*(sung to the tune of The Wheels on the Bus)*

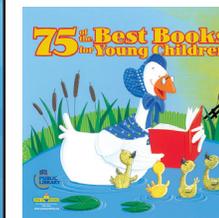
The waves in the sea go,  
Up and down, ...  
*(make a rolling wave by moving one hand up and down)*

Up and down,  
Up and down,  
The waves in the sea go,  
Up and down,  
All day long.

The sharks in the sea go,  
Snap, snap, snap...  
*(hold two hands together, joined at the wrist, to form a mouth, snap open and shut)*

The fish in the sea go,  
Swish, swish, swish...  
*(swim hands around as fish)*

The crabs in the sea go  
Click, click, click...  
*(click fingers)*



## 75 Books For Young Children

As a part of the 'Grow Up Reading' initiative, librarians at the West Bloomfield Township Public Library selected "75 Books to Read to the Very Young." These 75 books are divided into 5 categories: animals, bedtime, family, imagination, and on the go.

Visit the Grow Up Reading website at [www.growupreading.org](http://www.growupreading.org) for more information.



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