



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>GROW UP READING! © the West Bloomfield Township Public Library www.growupreading.org</p>					1 Talking Talk about rhyming words. Can you rhyme words with your name?	2 Singing Sing "The Ants Go Marching" today.
3 Reading Read a Dr. Seuss book in honor of his birthday yesterday.	4 Writing Practice writing the letters of your name.	5 Counting Look at the calendar of the month and count the number of days in March.	6 Playing String some noodles on a pipe cleaner or piece of yarn to make a necklace. Decorate the noodles with markers.	7 Talking Take a walk around your neighborhood and talk about what you see, smell, hear, and touch.	8 Singing Make up a silly song about your day.	9 Reading Take a picture walk through a new book by "reading" the pictures. What is happening in the story?
10 Writing Practice your fine motor skills by using scissors today. Cut pieces of paper. Can you cut small pieces and large pieces?	11 Counting Go on a shape scavenger hunt for triangles. How many did you find?	12 Playing Play I-Spy by describing an object until someone can find it.	13 Talking Talk about something that made you happy today.	14 Singing Celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Visit the library for special games, songs and crafts to celebrate!	15 Reading Spring is coming next week. Read a book all about spring.	16 Writing Make an alphabet book with one letter on each page. Draw or paste pictures of things that start with that letter.
17 Counting Try building as tall of a tower as you can with household items (cups, paper, shoes, etc.)	18 Playing Make a squishy bag: 1 c of flour, 6 Tbls water, and food coloring in a zip-loc bag.	19 Talking Talk about what you love about spring.	20 Singing It's the first day of Spring! Celebrate by singing the Spring Song today.	21 Reading Pick your favorite book and point to the first letter of the words. Can you identify the letter?	22 Writing Practice writing the letter "M" for March.	23 Counting Count the number of items in your snack before you eat them.
24 Playing Practice twisting with lids on different containers.	25 Talking Talk about how the weather changes for spring.	26 Singing Sing your favorite nursery rhymes together.	27 Reading Read a book with a whisper then again with a loud voice.	28 Writing Practice drawing or writing letters in shaving cream.	29 Counting Look for robins outside and count how many you see.	30 Playing Dance the "Freeze Dance" - when you pause the music everyone freezes until the music starts again.
31 Talking Look out the window and talk about what you see.						

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 March: Playing

- Play is essential to development because it contributes to the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being of children and youth.
- Engage in play with your child. Talk about what the child is doing and encourage, ex. "It looks like the spaceman wants to rule the world. What are the people going to do?"
- Toys which allow children to use their own imaginations and create their own games are toys which help them learn to be able to enjoy life as they get older without being bored.

Book Suggestions for March:

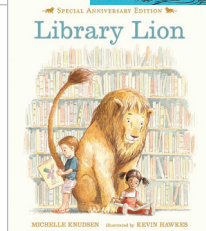
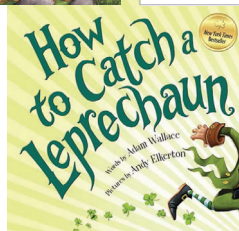
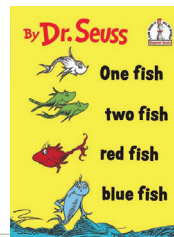
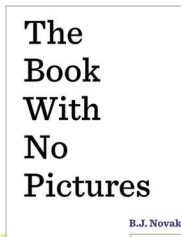
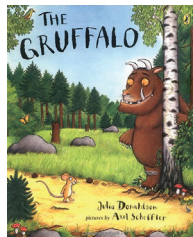
How To Catch a Leprechaun
by Adam Wallace

The Book With No Pictures
by B.J. Novak

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

Library Lion
by Michelle Knudsen and Kevin Hawkes

One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish
by Dr. Seuss



Spring Song

Tune: The Farmer in the Dell

The sun is shining bright
The sun is shining bright
Oh how I love the warmth,
The sun is shining bright.

The rain is falling down,
The rain is falling down,
Oh how I love the sound,
The rain is falling down.

The flowers start to bloom,
The flowers start to bloom,
Oh how I love the sight,
The flowers start to bloom.

The Ants Go Marching

The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching two by two, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching three by three,
The little one stops to climb a tree
And they all go marching down to the ground
To get out of the rain, BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
The ants go marching four by four, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching five by five, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching six by six,
The little one stops to pick up sticks
And they all go marching down to the ground
To get out of the rain, BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
The ants go marching seven by seven, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching eight by eight, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching nine by nine,
The little one stops to check the time
And they all go marching down to the ground
To get out of the rain, BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
The ants go marching ten by ten, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching ten by ten, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching ten by ten,
The little one stops to shut "The End",
And they all go marching down to the ground
To get out of the rain. BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!



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