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# MARCH 2021 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> Talk about your favorite springtime activities.	<b>2 Singing</b> It's <i>Read Across America Day!</i> Read the lyrics to a song that you can then sing together.	<b>3 Reading</b> Read a wordless picture book.	<b>4 Writing</b> Make up a story together and draw the characters.	<b>5 Counting</b> Sort items from your pantry by color and then by size.	<b>6 Playing</b> Build a fort and hang out inside it.
<b>7 Talking</b> Choose a word of the day and use that word as many times as you can during the day.	<b>8 Singing</b> Sing <i>5 Little Crayons Jumping on the Bed!</i>	<b>9 Reading</b> Read a book with a yellow cover today.	<b>10 Writing</b> Practice writing your name.	<b>11 Counting</b> Count the number of steps as you go up or down.	<b>12 Playing</b> Pretend to be a dinosaur! Stomp around and roar. Pretend to eat like a dinosaur.	<b>13 Talking</b> Talk about things that start with the letter "M" like March.
<b>14 Singing</b> Sing a favorite song and clap along to the beat.	<b>15 Reading</b> Make up a story about a leprechaun and share it with your family.	<b>16 Writing</b> Cut hearts out of construction paper and put them together with a stem to make a shamrock and then decorate it.	<b>17 Counting</b> Measure 5 things in your house with a ruler. Count the numbers on the ruler together.	<b>18 Playing</b> Use pipe cleaners and form them into letters and numbers.	<b>19 Talking</b> Try to find all the colors of the rainbow in your house. Walk around and talk about each item and it's color.	<b>20 Singing</b> Sing <i>The More We Get Together</i> today.
<b>21 Reading</b> Pick a favorite book and read it together.	<b>22 Writing</b> Write out your ABC's.	<b>23 Counting</b> Look at a calendar of the month and count the number of days in March.	<b>24 Playing</b> Spring is officially here! Go outside and run as fast as you can!	<b>25 Talking</b> Talk about words that rhyme with green.	<b>26 Singing</b> Sing a song from your favorite movie.	<b>27 Reading</b> As you read a book look for a simple word like "the" throughout the book and point it out as you read the book.
<b>28 Writing</b> Practice writing the letters "M", "E", and "C" this month.	<b>29 Counting</b> Count the number of yellow things you find in your house.	<b>30 Playing</b> Jump up and down on only one foot.	<b>31 Talking</b> It's <i>National Crayon Day!</i> Talk about your favorite crayon colors.	<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 March: Singing

- Singing with your child is a great way to build memory skills! For example, when you sing the same song to your baby or child over and over, they learn to expect what is coming next. This is a great example of predictability and cause & effect learning for your child.
- Music can foster emotional attachment. From the first day of our babies' lives, music can be a way to make a connection – they love to hear the sound of your voice (and recognize both parent's voices from hearing them in the womb). And pretty soon, the songs start becoming familiar and recognizable, and a part of their safe and secure environment.
- Music enhances brain development in areas tied to pattern recognition, counting, organization and time in young children.

## Book Suggestions for March:

*The Lion and the Mouse*  
by Jerry Pinkney

*The Forgotten Crayon*  
by Yoko Maruyama

*Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*  
by Eric Litwin

*How to Catch a Leprechaun*  
by Adam Wallace

*St. Patrick's Day*  
by Anne Rockwell



## The More We Get Together

The more we get together  
Together, together.  
The more we get together  
The happier we'll be.  
Cause your friends are my friends.  
And my friends are your friends.  
The more we get together  
The happier we'll be

The more we play together  
Together, together.  
The more we play together  
The happier we'll be.  
Cause your friends are my friends.  
And my friends are your friends.  
The more we play together  
The happier we'll be.

The more we dance together  
Together, together.  
The more we dance together  
The happier we'll be.  
Cause your friends are my friends.  
And my friends are your friends.  
The more we dance together  
The happier we'll be.

The more we get together  
Together, together.  
The more we get together  
The happier we'll be.  
Cause your friends are my friends.  
And my friends are your friends.  
The more we get together  
The happier we'll be!!



## Five Little Crayons Jumping on the Bed

Five little crayons jumping on the bed.  
One fell off and bumped his head!  
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,  
"No more crayons jumping on the bed!"

Continue with 4, 3, 2, 1 crayons  
jumping on the bed.

No more crayons jumping on the bed.  
They all fell and bumped their heads.  
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,  
"Lay those crayons down in bed!"



Hoopla is a great source of children's music. Log in to find popular storytime artists such as Jim Gill, Laurie Berkner, Ralph's World and many more amazing songs to use with your child at home.



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