



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 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.

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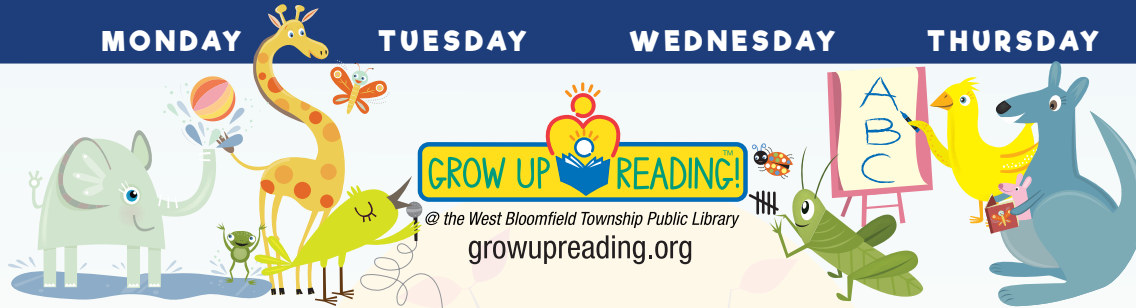
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1 Talking

Talk about items that start with the letter "O" for October.

2 Singing

Sing the alphabet together. Sing it fast and then try it slow.

3 Reading

Read a book about pumpkins.

4 Writing

Draw a picture of your favorite fall item.

5 Counting

It's World Smile Day! Give out smiles to everyone you see today!

6 Playing

Pretend you are a tree, blow with your mouth or wave with your arms and make wind to blow around the leaves.

7 Talking

Talk about something that scares you. What could make it better?

8 Singing

Sing about what's going on around you.

9 Reading

Find a new cozy spot to read a book today.

10 Writing

Use play-doh to make letters and shapes.

11 Counting

Make your own indoor hopscotch game and draw numbers on paper. Set it up and count as your jump.

12 Playing

Go on a shape hunt and find objects that are squares, circles and others.

13 Talking

Talk about how many letters are in your name. Clap the syllables.

14 Singing

Make up your own song and sing it to a pet, friend, or family member.

15 Reading

Read a book with an orange cover.

16 Writing

Collect leaves and practice cutting them.

17 Counting

Put objects into groups of 5 (use spoons, toys, rocks, etc).

18 Playing

Practice hopping. Can you hop on one foot? Try it with your left foot and then try it on your right foot.

19 Talking

Talk about different types of homes in your neighborhood.

20 Singing

Sing the "Scarecrow Song" together.

21 Reading

Read a teeny-tiny scary book with your family.

22 Writing

Practice writing large O's and then turn them into objects like jack-o-lanterns or monsters.

23 Counting

Count the number of chairs in your house.

24 Playing

Use a flashlight to make shadow puppets.

25 Talking

Talk about all of the different people in your family. How are you related?

26 Singing

Sing the "5 Little Pumpkins" today.

27 Reading

Check out a read aloud and listen to a story.

28 Writing

Make a list of apple colors and color apples on paper.

29 Counting

Spooktacular drop-in crafts will sure be a Halloween smash! Wear your favorite Halloween costume and visit the Main Library.

30 Playing

Open your own pretend candy store.

31 Talking

Talk about foods that are orange.

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 October: Writing and Reading

- Children as young as two years of age make marks on paper to express their feelings and communicate with others. Although toddlers and preschoolers may not write conventionally, they demonstrate their writing abilities in a variety of ways such as scribbling, drawing, and making letter-like forms.
- Children learn to write by imagining, repeating, practicing their skills, and applying them to daily life. When given space, tools, and opportunities to strengthen hand muscles, they learn and practice these steps.
- Reading daily to young children, starting in infancy, can help with language acquisition, communication skills, social skills, and literacy skills. This is because reading to your children in the earliest months stimulates the part of the brain that allows them to understand the meaning of language and helps build key language, literacy and social skills.

Book Suggestions for October:

Fall by Amy Culliford

Leif and the Fall
by Allison Sweet Grant and Adam Grant

Rocket and the Perfect Pumpkin
by Tad Hills

Falling for Autumn
by Kimberly & James Dean

The Scarecrow by Beth Ferry



Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.
The 1st one said, "Oh my, it's getting late."
The 2nd one said, "There are witches in the air."
The 3rd one said, "But we don't care."
The 4th one said, "Let's run and run and run."
The 5th one said, "I'm ready for some fun."
Whewwww went the wind & out went the lights,
And five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.



Scarecrow

(tune of twinkle twinkle little star)
Scarecrow, scarecrow turn around,
Scarecrow scarecrow touch the ground.
Stand up tall and blink your eyes.
Raise your hands up to the sky.
Clap your hands then tap your knees.
Turn around and tap your feet.
Scarecrow, scarecrow touch your toes.
Scarecrow, scarecrow tap your nose.
Swing your arms so very slow,
Now real fast to scare the crows
Raise your head, jump up and down.
Now sit down without a sound.



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