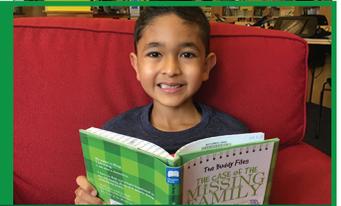


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December 2018 Early Elementary Literacy

Help your child develop literacy skills and Grow Up Reading™. Enjoy a fun family activity each day that helps teach important skills for reading success.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

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SATURDAY



Enjoy a family activity every day while helping your child build important literacy skills incorporating the five elements of reading: phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

<p>1 Vocabulary</p> <p>Take a walk through a park or another special place. See how many items you can name that start with the letter "D".</p>						
<p>2 Phonics</p> <p>Make up silly sentences using words that begin with the first letter of your name.</p>	<p>3 Comprehension</p> <p>Check out an information book. What do you already know about this topic? What would you like to learn?</p>	<p>4 Phonemic Awareness</p> <p>Play a game of "I Spy" with sounds. "I spy something that begins with the sound "sh".</p>	<p>5 Phonics</p> <p>Play "Letter Sound Go Fish". (See the back for details.)</p>	<p>6 Phonemic Awareness</p> <p>Take turns with one person saying a word and the other naming the beginning sound.</p>	<p>7 Vocabulary</p> <p>Have a family game night featuring vocabulary-building games, such as Scrabble Jr. or Bananagrams.</p>	<p>8 Fluency</p> <p>Play Tic-Tac-Toe using a sight word in each square. Players should read the word before placing an "x" or "o".</p>
<p>9 Vocabulary</p> <p>Take turns choosing a "word of the week". Use the word often throughout the week.</p>	<p>10 Fluency</p> <p>Visit the library and check out a book from the Readalong collection.</p>	<p>11 Comprehension</p> <p>Before reading a book look at the cover and the pictures. Make predictions about the story.</p>	<p>12 Phonics</p> <p>Play "Letter Blend Bean Bag Toss". (See the back for details.)</p>	<p>13 Comprehension</p> <p>Read a fiction and non-fiction book on the same topic. How are they similar and different?</p>	<p>14 Phonics</p> <p>Play "Vowel Team Bean Bag Toss" (See the back for details.)</p>	<p>15 Phonemic Awareness</p> <p>Take turns where one person says a word and the other says a word that rhymes with it.</p>
<p>16 Vocabulary</p> <p>Visit a museum or zoo and talk about the exhibits. Use any new words that you learned throughout the week.</p>	<p>17 Fluency</p> <p>Try some "echo reading" with poetry, where one person reads a line and the other re-reads the same line.</p>	<p>18 Phonemic Awareness</p> <p>Visit the library and choose a book from the "Flip-A-Word" series.</p>	<p>19 Comprehension</p> <p>Read an information book together. What were the most important ideas of the book?</p>	<p>20 Phonemic Awareness</p> <p>Take turns with one person saying a word and the other clapping once for each sound.</p>	<p>21 Fluency</p> <p>Visit the library and choose a book using the "Five Finger Test".</p>	<p>22 Phonemic Awareness</p> <p>Take turns with one person saying a word and the other repeating it while talking and moving very slowly.</p>
<p>23 Fluency</p> <p>Check out a book from the We Both Read series.</p>	<p>24 Phonemic Awareness</p> <p>Make up silly sentences using words that rhyme.</p>	<p>25 Fluency</p> <p>Play a game of "Sight Word Bowling". (See the back for details.)</p>	<p>26 Vocabulary</p> <p>Take turns acting out vocabulary words while the other player tries to guess the word.</p>	<p>27 Phonics</p> <p>Read "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" by Dr. Seuss. Work together to think of more rhyming words.</p>	<p>28 Vocabulary</p> <p>Play "Vocabulary Memory". (See the back for details.)</p>	<p>29 Fluency</p> <p>Have a family "Reader's Theater". (See the back for details.)</p>
<p>30 Phonics</p> <p>Visit the Library and check out some Bob Books.</p>	<p>31 Comprehension</p> <p>Talk about your favorite books from this year.</p>					

Books to read this month:

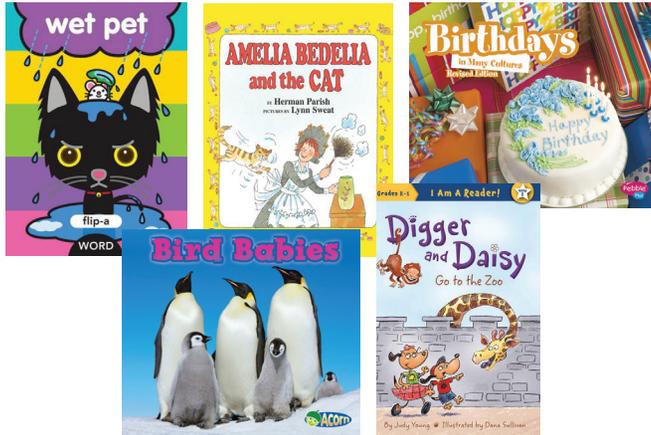
Flip A Word (series) by Harriet Ziefert

Bird Babies by Catherine Veitch

Digger and Daisy Go to the Zoo by Judy Young

Amelia Bedelia and the Cat by Herman Parish

Birthdays in Many Cultures by Martha E.H. Rustad



Sight Words for December:

Must, Yes, Give, Them, Under, So, Ask, Take, When, Open, Pull, Sit

For additional sight words, contact your child's teacher or visit the website: www.sightwords.com/sight-words/dolch

Letter Blend/Vowel Team Bean Bag Toss:

Take 10 sheets of white paper and write a letter blend (ch, th, sh, wh, bl, pl, br, ing, tion, str) or vowel team (ea, ai, ay, ee, ie, ow, oa, oe, ui, ue) on each. Set them on the floor. Take turns tossing a bean bag onto them and sounding out the letter blend or team that the bean bag lands on.



Sight Word Bowling:

Take six index cards and write a sight word on each. Tape each card to an empty 2 liter bottle. Stand up the bottles with 3 in the back row, 2 in the middle and 1 in front. Take turns rolling a lightweight ball toward the bottles. Read the words on the bottles that are knocked over. After completing one round of the game continue with additional sight words.

Reader's Theater

Visit the website www.teachingheart.net/readers-theater.htm. Choose a story and let every family member narrate their own part as you tell the story together.



Vocabulary Memory Game

Take a set of ten index cards and put a vocabulary word and a number from 1-10 on each. Put the definitions on cards with the corresponding numbers. Shuffle both decks together and put the cards face down on a table. The first player turns over two cards. If they show a matching word and definition that player may keep both cards. If not, both cards should be turned over and the next player takes a turn. The player with the most word/definition pairs wins the game. See the vocabulary list and suggested website for words.

Vocabulary Words for December:

Enormous, Expensive, Fancy, Footprint, Forest, Freezing, Grateful, Lively, Pretend, Promise

For additional words, contact your child's teacher or visit this website: www.vocabulary.com/lists

Elements of Reading:

Phonics – The relationship between letters and the individual sounds in spoken language.

Phonemic Awareness – Phonemes are the smallest units which make up spoken language. Phonemic awareness refers to a person's ability to manipulate phonemes in syllables and words.

Fluency – The ability to read with appropriate speed, accuracy, and proper expression.

Vocabulary – Students with a strong vocabulary have an easier time understanding what they are reading.

Comprehension – The ability of a person to understand what s/he is reading.

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