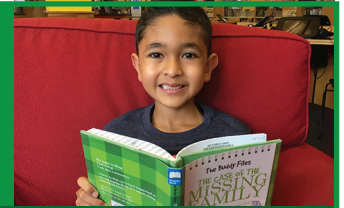




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January 2019 Early Elementary Literacy

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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Vocabulary <i>Visit a museum and talk about everything that you see. Use any new words that you learned throughout the week.</i>	2 Fluency <i>Use alphabet magnets to form the sight words.</i>	3 Phonics <i>Have a Digraph Scavenger Hunt. (See the back for details.)</i>	4 Phonemic Awareness <i>Take turns saying a word and tossing a bean bag for every sound in the word. (Example: grain g-r-ai-n)</i>	5 Comprehension <i>Read a story together. Which character would you like to have as a friend?</i>
6 Vocabulary <i>Choose a "word of the week" from the vocabulary list. Encourage everyone in the family to use that word often.</i>	7 Phonics <i>Have a Phonics Relay. (See the back for details.)</i>	8 Fluency <i>Tape the sight words to a wall. Turn off the lights and read each word using a flashlight.</i>	9 Comprehension <i>Read a story together. Draw a picture of your favorite character.</i>	10 Phonemic Awareness <i>Search throughout your house for things that have a /s/ sound.</i>	11 Phonemic Awareness <i>After you find items with a /s/ sound sort them according to whether the /s/ is at the beginning, middle, or end.</i>	12 Vocabulary <i>Have a family game night featuring vocabulary-building games, such as Apples to Apples Jr. and In A Pickle.</i>
13 Fluency <i>Visit the Main Library for our Read to a Dog program, 1-3 pm.</i>	14 Phonics <i>Toss a ball back and forth. The person tossing says a word and the person catching says a rhyming word</i>	15 Fluency <i>Have a family poetry reading night.</i>	16 Vocabulary <i>Take a walk through your neighborhood together. How many items can you find that start with the letter "S"?</i>	17 Phonics <i>Visit the library and check out some Bob Books.</i>	18 Fluency <i>Spread out some playdough on a table. Use a stick to write the sight words in it.</i>	19 Comprehension <i>Read the first chapter of a book together. What do you think will happen next?</i>
20 Phonics <i>Write long vowel team words on a balloon. Toss it and read the word that's on top when you catch it. (See the back for details.)</i>	21 Vocabulary <i>Describe a vocabulary word without using that word and have someone try to guess what it is</i>	22 Fluency <i>Play Sight Word Tic-Tac-Toe. (See the back for details.)</i>	23 Phonemic Awareness <i>Think of a short word, such as "cat". Take turns changing one sound to make a new word. Examples: hat, bat, sat, rat</i>	24 Comprehension <i>Read a story then retell it in your own words.</i>	25 Vocabulary <i>Choose a vocabulary word from the list. Look through a magazine for a picture or article that relates to that word.</i>	26 Comprehension <i>After reading a book identify the beginning, middle, and end of the story.</i>
27 Fluency <i>Visit the Main Library for our Read to a Dog program, 1-3 pm.</i>	28 Phonemic Awareness <i>Say the sight words in slow motion.</i>	29 Phonemic Awareness <i>Play Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes with letter sounds. (See the back for details.)</i>	30 Comprehension <i>Before reading a book look at the pictures. Make predictions about the story.</i>	31 Vocabulary <i>Take turns where one person draws a picture of a vocabulary word and the other tries to guess the word.</i>	  © the West Bloomfield Township Public Library www.growupreading.org	

Books to read this month:

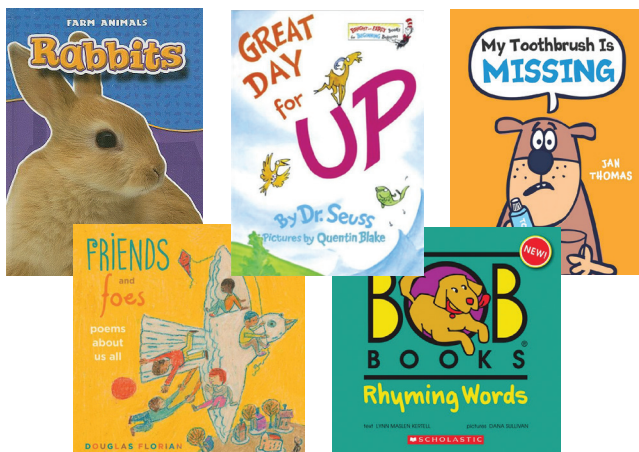
Rabbits by Hollie J. Endres (information)

Friends and Foes: poems about us all by Douglass Florian (poetry)

My Toothbrush is Missing by Jan Thomas (fiction)

Bob Books series by Lynn Maslen Kertell (phonics)

Great Day for Up by Dr. Seuss (rhyming)



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.



Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes with Letter Sounds

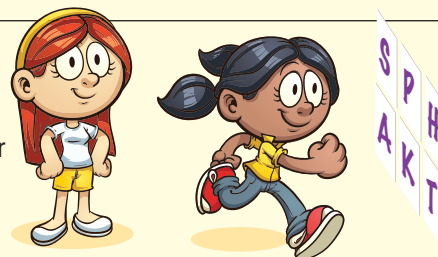
Choose a word such as "cookie". Tap your head for /k/, shoulders for /oo/, knees for /k/, toes for /e/.

Sight Words for January: Went, There, Once, Know, Every Again, Some, Buy, Call, Cold

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

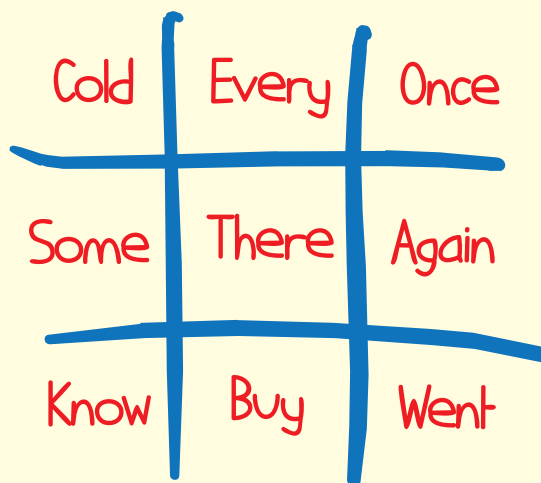
Phonics Relay

Take 6 sheets of paper and write one letter sound on each. Tape them to a wall. Take turns in which one player calls out a sound and the other runs to the wall and taps the paper with the corresponding letter or letters. Variations include hopping, skipping, or tiptoeing to the wall.



Sight word Tic-Tac-Toe

Draw a Tic-Tac-Toe grid with a sight word in each square. Players take turns reading the sight word in a square before placing an "x" or "o".



Words with Long Vowel Teams: sail, seal, boat, braid, deer, spray

Digraph Scavenger Hunt

Digraphs are single sounds that are made up of two letters. Prepare a set of index cards with digraphs:

ch, ph, sh, th, wh, qu, ow, ai, kn

Have your child pick a card. Sound out the digraph together. Give your child a bag and ask him to find something in your house that begins or ends with that sound. Continue by choosing additional digraphs.

Vocabulary Words for January: Grain, Branch, Awake, Award, Astronomy

For additional words, contact your child's teacher or visit this website: www.vocabulary.com/lists/1414643

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(Summer)	Noon – 5 PM
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(Year round)	Noon – 5 PM

