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# FEBRUARY 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 Groundhog's Day tomorrow.	<b>2 Singing</b> Sing <i>The Love Bug</i> today.	<b>3 Reading</b> Read a book about Groundhog's Day.	<b>4 Writing</b> Draw a picture only using hearts.	<b>5 Counting</b> Count the teeth in your mouth.	<b>6 Playing</b> Pretend you are a groundhog. Do you see your shadow?
<b>7 Talking</b> Talk about words that rhyme with "love".	<b>8 Singing</b> Sing about the stars with <i>Twinkle Twinkle Little Star</i> .	<b>9 Reading</b> Read a book about shapes.	<b>10 Writing</b> Practice writing the letter "R" for red. Try using a red crayon or marker.	<b>11 Counting</b> Count the different shapes you see in one room of your house.	<b>12 Playing</b> Make shape outlines on ground w/masking tape, go on a shape hunt to fill them!	<b>13 Talking</b> Talk about Valentine's Day!
<b>14 Singing</b> Sing a song to a loved one today.	<b>15 Reading</b> Read a new book by a favorite author.	<b>16 Writing</b> Draw a picture showing what the weather looks like outside today.	<b>17 Counting</b> Use a pair of kitchen tongs to move cereal from one side of the table to another. Count how many you successfully move.	<b>18 Playing</b> Build an indoor snowman!	<b>19 Talking</b> Talk about things that start with the letter "F" like February.	<b>20 Singing</b> Sing to your stuffed animals.
<b>21 Reading</b> Read a book with a red cover.	<b>22 Writing</b> Draw a picture using red, pink and white colors.	<b>23 Counting</b> Practice counting by 5's.	<b>24 Playing</b> Take a trip to the stars! Count off your rocket to get there.	<b>25 Talking</b> Talk about the names of each day of the week.	<b>26 Singing</b> Sing a song about your snack.	<b>27 Reading</b> It's <i>National Polar Bear Day!</i> Read a book about polar bears.
<b>28 Writing</b> Use scissors to cut paper or any material in your home and create a picture with the scraps.	<p> <b>GROW UP READING!</b>            @ 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 February: Talking

- Listen to your preschooler. When you show your child that you're listening, it sends the message that what your child is thinking and saying is important to you. This message is great for communication, as well as your relationship with your child.
- Talk and communicate clearly with your preschooler. Try to say exactly what you mean. Your child may not understand jokes or exaggeration.
- When you take your child's questions seriously and take the time to give a real answer, you encourage your child to keep asking questions. This helps your child to learn about the world as he grows and develops. If you don't know the answer to your child's question, you can find out the answer together. For example, you could say 'That's a really interesting question – let's see if we can find out. Can we ask someone we know? Can we look on the internet or find a book at the library?'

## Book Suggestions for February:

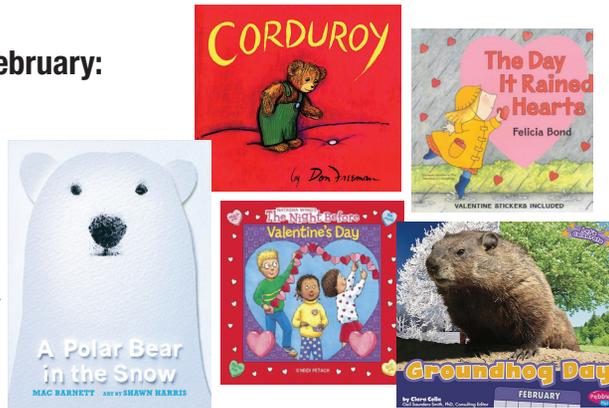
*The Day it Rained Hearts*  
by Felicia Bond

*A Polar Bear in the Snow*  
by Mac Barnett

*Groundhog Day* by Clara Cella

*The Night Before Valentine's Day*  
by Natasha Wing

*Corduroy* by Don Freeman



## Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star



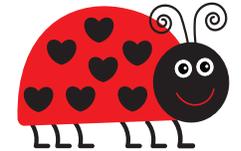
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!

When the blazing sun is gone,  
When he nothing shines upon,  
Then you show your little light,  
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!

Then the traveler in the dark,  
Thanks you for your tiny spark,  
He could not see which way to go,  
If you did not twinkle so.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!

In the dark blue sky you keep,  
And often through my curtains peep,  
For you never shut your eye,  
Till the sun is in the sky.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!

As your bright and tiny spark,  
Lights the traveler in the dark,  
— Though I know not what you are,  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!



## The Love Bug

It begins with a grin  
(*smile broadly*)  
It turns to giggle  
(*put both hands on mouth and giggle*)  
You start to laugh  
(*throw head back and laugh out loud*)  
Your legs start to wiggle  
(*put feet in the air and shake*)  
You look all around for someone to hug  
(*move eyes back and forth*)  
What can you do  
(*shrug shoulders*)  
You've caught the love bug  
(*hug another child or yourself*)  
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