



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2023 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
			1 Talking Talk about words that start with the letter F, like "February."	2 Singing Sing your favorite song fast. Now try to sing it slow.	3 Reading It's Elmo's Birthday! Read a Sesame Street book today.	4 Writing Make a valentine for someone you love.
5 Counting Grab your favorite blocks and count them. How high can you count?	6 Playing Put items into a pillowcase. Reach inside and feel them. Can you guess what they are?	7 Talking Talk about the textures you felt on the items in the pillowcase yesterday.	8 Singing Sing a song in different animal voices.	9 Reading Have a friend or family member read you a book over the phone.	10 Writing Draw a heart and color the inside to give to those whom you love.	11 Counting It's VIP Day at the Westacres Branch. Visit with your special person and make them a special craft.
12 Playing Gather a bunch of toys and sort them into categories by size.	13 Talking Talk about all the things you LOVE about your family.	14 Singing It's Valentine's Day. Sing Skidamarink together to show your love for one another.	15 Reading Celebrate love by reading <i>Love Bug</i> by Rachel Bright today.	16 Writing Help write a grocery list. Draw pictures instead of words.	17 Counting Count the number of items on your lunch plate today.	18 Playing Dance to a song and pause the music randomly for a freeze dance!
19 Talking Talk about the weather outside.	20 Singing Visit the library for storytime this week and enjoy singing some fun, favorite songs!	21 Reading Tell your favorite story in your own words.	22 Writing Draw a picture together.	23 Counting Guess how many steps it takes to walk to your mailbox. Then count the steps. Were you right?	24 Playing Check out new music from the hoopla library. Choose a song and dance.	25 Talking Talk about something that made you happy today.
26 Singing Sing the Hokey Pokey and act it out.	27 Reading Tell a story about a pet you have or want to have.	28 Writing Practice writing your name in the snow.	 <p>GROW UP READING! @ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library growupreading.org</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:

- Music plays a vital role in the growth and development of young children. Music encourages children to express themselves through movement and play. The physical play stimulates the part of the brain that regulates emotions.
- Using different voices for different characters makes a difference when reading a story with your child. Your child will become more engaged in the story almost immediately and can help you make sounds throughout the story.
- Young children are naturally musical and they chant, sing, move, and demonstrate rhythmic behaviors from birth! Parents are encouraged to sing, dance, and enjoy music with their children to help foster this development.

Book Suggestions for February:

Three Little Kittens
by Jerry Pinkney

Love, Splat by Rob Scotton

Groundhog's Day Off
by Robb Pearlman

Where Do Polar Bears Live?
by Sarah L. Thomson

Love in the Library
by Maggie Tokuda-Hall



The Hokey Pokey

You put your right foot in,
You take your right foot out.
You put your right foot in
And you shake it all about.
You do the hokey pokey
And you turn yourself around.
That's what it's all about.

(Repeat with "left foot," "right hand,"
"left hand," "whole self"!)



Skidamarink

Skidamarink a dink a dink,
Skidamarink a doo,
I love you.
Skidamarink a dink a dink,
Skidamarink a doo,
I love you.

I love you in the morning
And in the afternoon,
I love you in the evening
And underneath the moon;
Oh, Skidamarink a dink a dink,
Skidamarink a doo,
I love you!



Me and My VIP

Grab a favorite grown up and bring your VIP to the Westacres Branch for some fun!

Saturday, February 11 from 10 AM – Noon
No registration is required.



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