



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

JUNE 2018 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
  <p>@ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library www.growupreading.org</p> 					1 Talking <i>It's National Say Something Nice Day. Tell someone something nice today.</i>	2 Singing <i>Pick a nursery rhyme to practice this month until you have it memorized.</i>
3 Reading <i>Pick 3 books to read together before bed.</i>	4 Writing <i>Practice cutting with scissors and scrap paper.</i>	5 Counting <i>Count groups of things in one room. For example, how many stuffed animals are in your bedroom?</i>	6 Playing <i>Build a tall tower out of blocks.</i>	7 Talking <i>Talk about the fun things you can do in the summer, like coming to programs at the Library!</i>	8 Singing <i>Sing your favorite song as loud as you can. Then, try to sing it as quiet as you can.</i>	9 Reading <i>Read a book about a farm animal.</i>
10 Writing <i>Practice writing the name of your favorite animal. Draw a picture under the word.</i>	11 Counting <i>How high can you count?</i>	12 Playing <i>Play "I Spy" with objects in your backyard.</i>	13 Talking <i>Talk about the days of the week and the months of the year.</i>	14 Singing <i>Sing the song "BINGO" and change the name to "SUNNY".</i>	15 Reading <i>Read a book about summer.</i>	16 Writing <i>Visit the Main Library for Summer Reading Kickoff! Get a copy of your summer challenges and enjoy a summer of fun!</i>
17 Counting <i>Count the number of birds you see today out your window.</i>	18 Playing <i>Practice walking backwards.</i>	19 Talking <i>Talk about things you can do in warm weather that you can't do in the cold weather.</i>	20 Singing <i>Sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm." Visit the Westacres Branch for Summer Reading Kickoff!</i>	21 Reading <i>It's National Seashell Day! To celebrate, read a book about seashells or the beach.</i>	22 Writing <i>Explore shadows outside and draw your shadow on paper or the sidewalk.</i>	23 Counting <i>On National Pink Day count the number of pink things you see around the house.</i>
24 Playing <i>Take a trip to the neighborhood park.</i>	25 Talking <i>Take a walk and talk about the things you see.</i>	26 Singing <i>What words can rhyme with "sun"? Sing the words as you say them to make a silly song.</i>	27 Reading <i>Make up a story together. Take turns telling parts of the story.</i>	28 Writing <i>Paint with water outside on the ground.</i>	29 Counting <i>Cut a piece of fruit to share and count the pieces.</i>	30 Playing <i>Start your day off with Saturday Morning LIVE! at the Westacres Branch at 10 AM or the Main Library at 11 AM.</i>

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 June: Playing & Counting

- Don't worry if your toddler's dramatic play doesn't make a lot of sense. A young child might have a firefighter stop for pancakes on the way to a fire. The most important thing is that she's using her imagination and practicing different roles and words.
- Number sense, or the basics of learning about numbers, is a vital math skill a child should develop before reaching kindergarten. Practice working with numbers both forwards and backwards to help your child learn the relationship between numbers.
- Offer your child a wide range of gross motor activities each day. These motor skills include walking, jumping, throwing or climbing and generally require whole body movement.

Book Suggestions for June:

Old MacDonald Had a Farm
by Jane Cabrera

And Then Comes Summer
by Tom Brenner

Monday is One Day
by Arthur Levine

Chu's Day at the Beach
by Neil Gaiman

Seashells by Ann Squire



Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on his farm he had a cow
E-I-E-I-O
With a moo moo here
And a moo moo there
Here a moo, there a moo
Everywhere a moo moo
Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O.

Add new verses with your favorite farm animals and their sounds

SUNNY

There was a farmer who had a dog,
And Sunny was his name-o.
S-U-N-N-Y, S-U-N-N-Y, S-U-N-N-Y
And Sunny was his name-o.

There was a farmer who had a dog,
And Sunny was his name-o.
(clap)-U-N-N-Y, (clap)-U-N-N-Y, (clap)-U-N-N-Y
And Sunny was his name-o.

Add verses and continue clapping for each letter in S-U-N-N-Y

Listening to nursery rhymes and songs is an early literacy experience that helps children understand how language works. "Bumblebee" and "Wheels on the Bus" are two of the rhymes in the Library's new *Nursery Rhymes, Songs and Fingerplays* booklet. The booklet comes with tips parents can use to develop language skills. Ask for a copy when you come to the Library.



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