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# NOVEMBER 2020 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> <i>Talk about your favorite stories.</i>	<b>2 Singing</b> <i>Sing a lullaby together at bedtime.</i>	<b>3 Reading</b> <i>Read a book with a brown cover.</i>	<b>4 Writing</b> <i>Practice cutting with scissors with fall color paper (red, brown, orange).</i>	<b>5 Counting</b> <i>Line up your stuffed animals from smallest to largest and count them.</i>	<b>6 Playing</b> <i>Make an indoor obstacle course.</i>	<b>7 Talking</b> <i>Talk about the weather. What type of clothing do you need for this weather?</i>
<b>8 Singing</b> <i>Sing The Leaves on the Trees today.</i>	<b>9 Reading</b> <i>Find the letters of your name around you today.</i>	<b>10 Writing</b> <i>Trace your hand and then decorate it as a turkey.</i>	<b>11 Counting</b> <i>Pick some leaves and count them. Can you sort them by size and then by color?</i>	<b>12 Playing</b> <i>Turn up the music and have a dance party!</i>	<b>13 Talking</b> <i>Talk about the best part of your day before bed.</i>	<b>14 Singing</b> <i>Practice clapping to the beat of your music today.</i>
<b>15 Reading</b> <i>Read a book about summer to warm up today!</i>	<b>16 Writing</b> <i>It's Have a Party with Your Bear Day! Draw a picture with your bear of your day!</i>	<b>17 Counting</b> <i>Count the number of trees you see that still have leaves.</i>	<b>18 Playing</b> <i>Get creative today and have fun playing with your art supplies.</i>	<b>19 Talking</b> <i>Talk about things that start with the letter "N" like "November" and "nose".</i>	<b>20 Singing</b> <i>Take turns singing lines from your favorite song.</i>	<b>21 Reading</b> <i>Read a book about hibernation.</i>
<b>22 Writing</b> <i>Draw a picture of something you're thankful for.</i>	<b>23 Counting</b> <i>Count how many times you can hop on one foot.</i>	<b>24 Playing</b> <i>Start your day with some exercise! Stretch up and down and do five jumps.</i>	<b>25 Talking</b> <i>Talk about the colors on your clothes today.</i>	<b>26 Singing</b> <i>Sing the song If You're Thankful and You Know It!</i>	<b>27 Reading</b> <i>Read a book about fall.</i>	<b>28 Writing</b> <i>Draw as many shapes as you can think of.</i>
<b>29 Counting</b> <i>Count the fruits and vegetables in your fridge. Talk about the different colors.</i>	<b>30 Playing</b> <i>Take turns with a friend as you make animal sounds and guess the animal.</i>	<p>© 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 November: Playing

- Make time for play. As parents, you are the biggest supporters of your children's learning. You can make sure they have as much time to play as possible during the day to promote cognitive, language, physical, social, and emotional development.
- Play is a child's context for learning. Children practice and reinforce their learning in multiple areas during play. It gives them a place and a time for learning that cannot be achieved through completing a worksheet. For example, in playing restaurant, children write and draw menus, set prices, take orders, and make out checks. Play provides rich learning opportunities and leads to children's success and self-esteem.
- In addition to boosting a child's health and development, play helps to build the safe, stable and nurturing relationships that buffer against toxic stress and build social-emotional resilience. The mutual joy and one-on-one interaction that happens during play can manage the body's stress responses.

## Book Suggestions for November:

*Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter*  
by Kenard Pak

*The Busy Little Squirrel*  
by Nancy Tafuri

*Old Bear* by Kevin Henkes

*Thankful* by Eileen Spinelli

*How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?*  
by Margaret McNamara



## If You're Thankful and you Know It

(Tune: *If You're Happy and You Know*)

If you're thankful and you know it,  
clap your hands.  
If you're thankful and you know it,  
clap your hands.  
If you're thankful and you know it,  
Then your face will surely show it.  
If you're thankful and you know it,  
clap your hands.

**Additional Verses:**  
If you're thankful and you know it,  
stomp your feet (etc)  
If you're thankful and you know it,  
shout "I am!" (etc)  
If you're thankful and you know it,  
do all three. (etc)

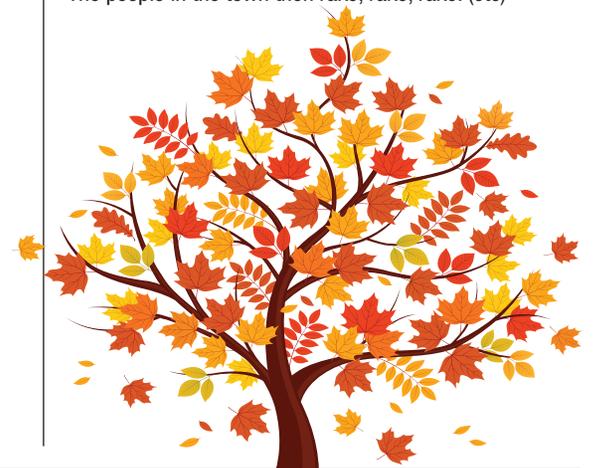
## The Leaves of the Trees

(Tune: *The Wheels on the Bus*)

The leaves of the trees turn orange, yellow and red  
orange yellow and red,  
orange yellow and red.  
The leaves of the trees turn orange yellow and red.  
All through the town.

**Additional Verses:**

The leaves of the trees come tumbling down (etc)  
The leaves in the air go swish, swish, swish (etc)  
The leaves on the ground go crunch, crunch, crunch (etc)  
The people in the town then rake, rake, rake. (etc)



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