



# WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

# NOVEMBER 2022 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 today's weather.	<b>2 Singing</b> Stop by the library and listen to a singing story on a read-aloud book.	<b>3 Reading</b> How old are you? Read that many books today.	<b>4 Writing</b> Write the numbers 1-5. Circle your age.	<b>5 Counting</b> Pick up some leaves outside. Count how many total you have.
<b>6 Playing</b> Hunt for things that are brown inside your home.	<b>7 Talking</b> Talk about your happiest moment of the day before bed.	<b>8 Singing</b> Play your favorite music and sing loudly. Try to sing it quietly.	<b>9 Reading</b> Read a book with brown on the cover.	<b>10 Writing</b> Draw and color a picture about your favorite fall activity.	<b>11 Counting</b> Count the trees in your yard.	<b>12 Playing</b> Make an indoor obstacle course.
<b>13 Talking</b> It's World Kindness Day. Do something kind for someone today.	<b>14 Singing</b> Play some music and find the rhythm. Practice clapping to the beat.	<b>15 Reading</b> Read a book about kindness.	<b>16 Writing</b> Draw a picture from the last book you read.	<b>17 Counting</b> Visit the library for a storytime program this week! How many songs did you sing?	<b>18 Playing</b> Make a batch of orange Play-Doh together. Make letters and shapes with the dough.	<b>19 Talking</b> Take a tour of your home. Talk about each room you enter.
<b>20 Singing</b> Sing a lullaby together at bedtime.	<b>21 Reading</b> Find the letters from your name on items in the house, such as food boxes or the mail.	<b>22 Writing</b> Practice cutting with scissors.	<b>23 Counting</b> Point out numbers you recognize on signs or labels.	<b>24 Playing</b> Move and make sounds like different animals.	<b>25 Talking</b> Talk about words that start with the letter "N" like November.	<b>26 Singing</b> What do you have in the house that could become a musical instrument? Look around and make some music.
<b>27 Reading</b> Read a book with a turkey as a character.	<b>28 Writing</b> Draw a picture of something you're thankful for.	<b>29 Counting</b> Count the fruits and vegetables in your fridge. Talk about the different colors.	<b>30 Playing</b> Start your day with some exercises. Stretch up and down and do 6 jumps.			

# 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: Talking and Singing

- The power of music is great for child development. Music can soothe and calm, it can distract children during stressful or difficult moments, and it can also be exciting and stimulating and make kids want to dance! Toddlers (aged 1-3 years) enjoy music in a variety of ways, including moving to the rhythm, dancing, beating a drum, doing some of the actions, and even singing the words of familiar songs.
- Singing does far more than assist with child development. It even helps parents to reduce their stress levels and to be more tolerant to some of the frustrations of parenting.
- Active listening is a good way to improve your communication with your child. It lets your child know you are interested in what they have to say. To practice active listening, start by give your full attention to your child. Make eye contact and stop other things you are doing. Get down on your child's level and reflect or repeat back what they are saying and what they may be feeling to make sure you understand.

## Book Suggestions for November:

*The Golden Acorn* by Katy Hudson

*Snoozapalooza*

by Kimberlee Gard

*Thankful* by Eileen Spinelli

*Nuts to You!* by Lois Ehlert

*The Busy Little Squirrel*  
by Nancy Taturi



## If You're Thankful and you Know It

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

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)

## Play-Doh Recipe

1 cup flour  
1Tbsp cream of tartar  
1/2 cup salt  
1 cup water  
2 Tbsp oil  
food coloring

Mix all ingredients together and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly. When the dough forms and pulls away from the sides of the pan, remove from heat. Knead the dough until it's smooth!



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