



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 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
	1 Talking <i>Talk about items that start with the letter O for October.</i>	2 Singing <i>Sing the alphabet together. Sing it fast and then try it slow.</i>	3 Reading <i>Read a book about pumpkins.</i>	4 Writing <i>Visit the Library today and practice your writing skills by answering a question in the youth portal.</i>	5 Counting <i>It's World Smile Day! Give out smiles to everyone you see today!</i>	6 Playing <i>Pretend you are a tree, blow with your mouth or wave with your arms and make wind to blow around the leaves.</i>
7 Talking <i>Talk about foods that are orange.</i>	8 Singing <i>Sing about what's going on around you.</i>	9 Reading <i>Find a new cozy spot to read a book today.</i>	10 Writing <i>Use play-doh to make letters and shapes.</i>	11 Counting <i>Make your own indoor hopscotch game and draw numbers on paper. Set it up and count as your jump.</i>	12 Playing <i>Go on a shape hunt and find objects that are squares, circles and others.</i>	13 Talking <i>Talk about how many letters are in your name. Clap the syllables.</i>
14 Singing <i>Make up your own song and sing it to a pet, friend or family member.</i>	15 Reading <i>Read a book with an orange cover.</i>	16 Writing <i>Collect leaves and practice cutting them.</i>	17 Counting <i>Count the number of chairs in your house.</i>	18 Playing <i>Practice hopping. Can you hop on two feet? Try it with your left foot and then try it on your right foot.</i>	19 Talking <i>Talk about different types of homes in your neighborhood.</i>	20 Singing <i>Sing the Scarecrow Song together.</i>
21 Reading <i>Read a teeny-tiny scary book with your family.</i>	22 Writing <i>Practice writing large O's and then turn them into objects like jack-o-lanterns or monsters.</i>	23 Counting <i>Put objects into groups of 5 (use spoons, toys, rocks, etc).</i>	24 Playing <i>Use a flashlight to make shadow puppets on the walls.</i>	25 Talking <i>Talk about all of the different people in your family. How are you related?</i>	26 Singing <i>Sing the 5 Little Pumpkins today.</i>	27 Reading <i>The Monster Mash is sure to be a Halloween smash! Wear your favorite Halloween costume.</i>
28 Writing <i>Make a list of apple colors and color apples on paper.</i>	29 Counting <i>Count the days of the week. Talk about the name of the days.</i>	30 Playing <i>Open your own pretend candy store.</i>	31 Talking <i>Talk about something that scares you. What could make it better?</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 October: Writing and Reading:

- Ask questions to connect new vocabulary and sequencing of events while reading a story, not just at the end.
- Incorporate writing into everyday activities. Ask your child about what he/she has written or drawn to encourage their language development as well as self-confidence in writing.
- Have children identify letters and words on pages as you read or on signs as you drive to help improve your child's early literacy development.

Book Suggestions for October:

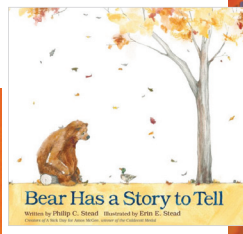
Bear Has a Story to Tell
by Philip C. Stead

Pumpkin Harvest
by Calvin Harris

The Spooky Wheels on the Bus
by J. Elizabeth Mills

This Book Just Ate My Dog
by Richard Byrne

Full of Fall
by April Pulley Sayre



Scarecrow

(tune of twinkle twinkle little star)
Scarecrow, scarecrow turn around,
Scarecrow scarecrow touch the ground.
Stand up tall and blink your eyes.
Raise your hands up to the sky.
Clap your hands then tap your knees.
Turn around and tap your feet.
Scarecrow, scarecrow touch your toes.
Scarecrow, scarecrow tap your nose.
Swing your arms so very slow,
Now real fast to scare the crows
Raise your head, jump up and down.
Now sit down without a sound.

Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate, The 1st one said, "Oh my, it's getting late."
The 2nd one said, "There are witches in the air."
The 3rd one said, "But we don't care."
The 4th one said, "Let's run and run and run."
The 5th one said, "I'm ready for some fun."
Whewwwwww went the wind & out went the lights,
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

