



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2021 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 your favorite book character. What makes this one your favorite?	2 Singing Sing about what's going on around you.
3 Reading Read a book with an orange cover today.	4 Writing Practice writing the letters "H", "W", and "P" this month.	5 Counting Count the number of buttons on your clothes today.	6 Playing Stick tape on the floor and make roads for toy cars or try and walk on the path.	7 Talking Talk about words that rhyme with "scare."	8 Singing Sing the classic nursery rhyme <i>Humpty Dumpty</i> on <i>World Egg Day</i> .	9 Reading Read a book about pumpkins.
10 Writing Draw and design your own pumpkin.	11 Counting Put objects into groups of 5 (use spoons, toys, rocks, etc.)	12 Playing Have a leaf race! Blow a leaf across the table with a straw.	13 Talking Learn about fossils for <i>National Fossil Day</i> .	14 Singing Play the song game by singing a few lines and then have someone else finish the song.	15 Reading Read a teeny-tiny scary book with your family.	16 Writing Practice writing large O's and then turn them into objects like jack-o-lanterns or monsters.
17 Counting Count the days of the week. Talk about the names of each day.	18 Playing Practice hopping. Can you hop on two feet? Try it with your left foot and then try it on your right foot.	19 Talking Talk about all of the different people in your family. How are you related?	20 Singing Sing the <i>5 Little Pumpkins</i> today.	21 Reading Read a book with buttons for <i>Count Your Buttons Day</i> .	22 Writing Collect leaves and practice cutting them.	23 Counting Play with blocks. Make towers and count how many blocks you use.
24 Playing Play your favorite game.	25 Talking Try a new food and talk about how it tastes.	26 Singing Sing while practicing different rhythms with your hands on a table.	27 Reading Read a book from the Counting the Days 'til Kindergarten booklist.	28 Writing Use play-doh to make letters and shapes.	29 Counting Count the number of orange things in your house.	30 Playing Pretend you are a skeleton and rattle your bones around the room.
31 Talking Talk about your favorite memory.						

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: Singing

- Listening to music and singing with your little one is not only fun but can play a powerful role in helping to support his/her early brain and language development. Music introduces children to new words, sound patterns, and more, which helps develop listening and comprehension skills. These skills help build the necessary foundation for learning how to read.
- When you think of sing-along books or rhyming stories your first thought may be nursery rhymes. However, there are so many books that lend themselves to singing along during reading time. Check with your librarians for a full list of available titles and have fun singing books together.
- Music is a fabulous teaching tool and a source of joy for kids and families. Singing with your child helps to build Predictability and Cause & Effect. When you sing the same song to your baby or child over and over, they learn to expect what is coming next... "After mom says 'with a one step, and a two step' she's gong to tickle me!"

Book Suggestions for October:

Pete the Cat and His

Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin

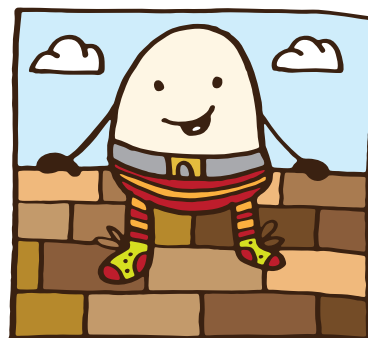
The Spooky Wheels on the Bus

by J. Elizabeth Mills

There's a Hole in the Log on the Bottom of the Lake

This Book Just Ate My Dog!
by Richard Byrne

Pumpkin Harvest by Calvin Harris



Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

All the king's horses and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

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."

Whewwww went the wind & out went the lights,
And five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.



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Hoopla is a great source of children's music.

Log in to find popular storytime artists such as Jim Gill, Laurie Berkner, Ralph's World and many more amazing songs to use with your child at home.