



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 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



@ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library
www.growupreading.org

1 Talking

Talk about things that start with the letter "S" like September.

2 Singing

Sing "The Wheels on the Bus" today.

3 Reading

Stop in the Library to pick up the books you earned from Summer Reading!

4 Writing

Draw a picture of an apple tree.

5 Counting

Count how many apples you put into your tree drawing yesterday.

6 Playing

Go outside and run around the yard today!

7 Talking

Talk about apples. How many colors of apples do you know?

8 Singing

Sing with your quietest voice your favorite song.

9 Reading

It's National Teddy Bear Day. Read a book about a bear to celebrate.

10 Writing

Draw a picture of your favorite stuffed animal friend.

11 Counting

Make a game of counting with an adult. Raise your fingers and say the numbers out loud.

12 Playing

Play with a balloon. Count how many times you can hit it before it hits the ground.

13 Talking

Go on a hunt for yellow items around the house. Line them up and talk about what you found.

14 Singing

Let's practice our ABC's by singing the Alphabet Song.

15 Reading

Visit the Library's youth website www.wb-buzz.org and read a book together from Tumblebooks.

16 Writing

Try writing the letters of your name on a piece of paper.

17 Counting

Make a colorful snack. Use more than 3 colors to make the snack.

18 Playing

Fill a bowl with water and fill it with items to see what will sink and what will float.

19 Talking

Talk about similar items you could've tried to sink or float yesterday.

20 Singing

Sing one of your favorite songs to your favorite person.

21 Reading

Read a book about school.

22 Writing

Draw a picture of you going to school.

23 Counting

Count your fingers on one hand then hold up four fingers. Using both hands can you think of another way to show "four?"

24 Playing

Pretend your home is school!

25 Talking

Talk about the different color leaves you may begin to see on the trees outside.

26 Singing

It's International Rabbit Day. Sing the Ten Little Bunnies song.

27 Reading

Read a book by looking at the pictures. What is happening in the story?

28 Writing

Draw on white paper with a black crayon. Then draw on black paper with a white crayon

29 Counting

Sing a favorite fingerplay today such as 5 Little Ducks or 5 Little Monkey's Jumping on the Bed.

30 Playing

Play with play dough.



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 September: Counting

- Counting on their fingers is an effective strategy to support children's early math learning. Many children can represent numbers on their fingers before they can say the corresponding number word.
- Anytime you say a number word, you have the opportunity to pair it with a number gesture. When you count out loud to your child, demonstrate with your fingers as well. Parents who use more number gestures have children who use more number gestures.
- Encourage children to represent numbers in whatever way is comfortable for them. Some children struggle to arrange their fingers in specific ways; for example, three and four are particularly tricky. Young children could instead represent three in an unconventional way, such as raising one finger on the left hand and two fingers on the right.

Book Suggestions for September:

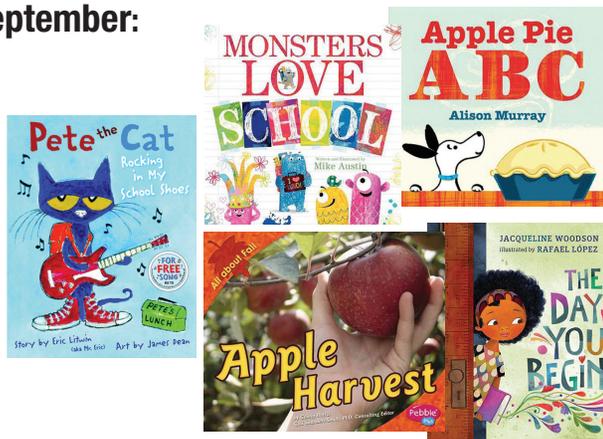
Pete the Cat Rockin' In My School Shoes by Eric Litwin

Monsters Love School by Mike Austin

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson

Apple Pie ABC by Alison Murray

Apple Harvest by Calvin Harris



The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round
Round and round, round and round
The wheels on the bus go round and round
All through the town.
(Roll hands over each other)

The horn on the bus goes "Beep, beep, beep
Beep, beep, beep, beep, beep, beep"
The horn on the bus goes "Beep, beep, beep"
All through the town.
(Pretend to honk horn)

The people on the bus say, "Shh, shh, shh,
Shh, shh, shh, shh, shh, shh"
The people on the bus say, "Shh, shh, shh"
All through the town.
(Put pointer finger to mouth to 'shh')

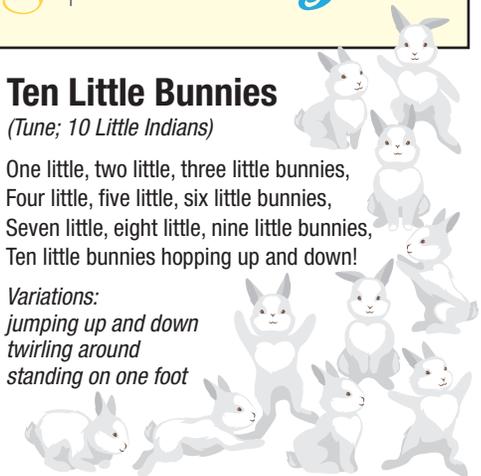
The mommy on the bus says, "I love you,
I love you, I love you"
The daddy on the bus says, "I love you, too"
All through the town.
(Point to self on 'I', right hand over heart on 'love', and point to other on 'you')

Ten Little Bunnies

(Tune: 10 Little Indians)

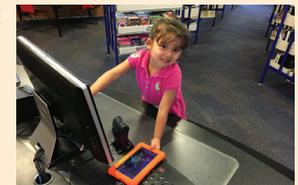
One little, two little, three little bunnies,
Four little, five little, six little bunnies,
Seven little, eight little, nine little bunnies,
Ten little bunnies hopping up and down!

Variations:
jumping up and down
twirling around
standing on one foot



Discovery Tablets

The Library's Discovery Tablets are preloaded with interactive learning apps designed especially for children ages 3-10. Children can learn digital literacy skills while also building STEAM and reading skills. The tablets can be checked out by West Bloomfield and contract community card holders.



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