

January 2023

Early Literacy activities you can do at home, school, or the library with young children. Read, write, sing, play, and talk all week long!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Word of the week is: Vibrant</p> <p>“Those bright colors are especially vibrant.”</p>	<p>2 READ</p> <p>A day so gray by Marie Lamba</p>	<p>3 WRITE</p> <p>A list of all the colors you know.</p>	<p>4 SING</p> <p>De Colores and learn the names of the colors in Spanish</p>	<p>5 PLAY</p> <p>With paint (you can check out an art kit from the library with paint)</p>	<p>6 TALK</p> <p>What are the different names for colors? Say words like violet, turquoise, and magenta.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bring it all together and go for a walk outside, looking for all the colors you can see in winter.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Word of the week is: Community</p>	<p>9 READ</p> <p>Wintercake by Lynne Rae Perkins</p>	<p>10 WRITE</p> <p>Or draw about a winter tradition.</p>	<p>11 SING</p> <p>with a friend.</p>	<p>12 PLAY</p> <p>a game with a friend.</p>	<p>13 TALK</p> <p>about ways you can be a good friend. What is something nice you can do for your friends?</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bring it all together and write a letter or draw a picture for a friend.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Word of the week is: Snowflake</p>	<p>16 READ</p> <p>A big bed for little Snow by Grace Lin</p>	<p>17 WRITE</p> <p>Practice your fine motor skills and make paper snowflakes.</p>	<p>18 SING</p> <p>A winter song https://tinyurl.com/4xnezd7p</p>	<p>19 PLAY</p> <p>outside in the snow.</p>	<p>20 TALK</p> <p>About what you like to do in the snow</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Have a snow party outside. Make snowballs and snowmen and play in the snow with friends.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Word of the week is: Slide</p> <p>“Can you slide down a slide?”</p>	<p>23 READ</p> <p>Bunny slopes by Claudia Rueda</p>	<p>24 WRITE</p> <p>Use a squirt bottle and food coloring to make pictures in the snow</p>	<p>25 SING</p> <p>or recite the Five little snowmen rhyme</p>	<p>26 PLAY</p> <p>Make pretend skis out of craft sticks. Try different surfaces to see which they can slide down.</p>	<p>27 TALK</p> <p>About how the bunny in the story keeps going even when she falls down.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Go sledding, skiing, or just sliding on the ice or snow.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Word of the week is: Catastrophe</p> <p>“It was such a big disaster, it was a catastrophe.”</p>	<p>30 READ</p> <p>Hurricane by John Rocco</p>	<p>31 WRITE</p> <p>Draw with wet chalk</p>	<p>As we start a new year, make a resolution to read, write, sing, play, and talk with your children and students every day. For more ideas and resources, you can visit the library in person or online or attend our storytimes and programs, resuming January 17, after Life-Size Candyland!</p>			

February 2023

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<p>February can be cold and dreary but don't let that get you down! Bundle up and explore the sights and sounds of winter outside, get together with friends at the library, and cozy up to read together.</p>			<p>1 SING Ducks like rain by Raffi</p>	<p>2 PLAY outside and look for branches, leaves, or other signs of storms.</p>	<p>3 TALK About storms. What is your plan to be safe in a storm? What do animals do in the rain? Where do storms come from?</p>	<p>4 Bring it all together and make a shelter for animals in a storm. It can be as simple as a brush pile!</p>
<p>5 Word of the week is: Vocal "We talk with our vocal cords."</p>	<p>6 READ What does little crocodile say? by Eva Montanari</p>	<p>7 WRITE Listen to music then write or draw how it makes you feel.</p>	<p>8 SING "Down on Grandpa's farm" and add more animals and sounds.</p>	<p>9 PLAY A noisy game.</p>	<p>10 TALK Read Chicken Talk by Carole Schaefer and talk about the different sounds animals make around the world.</p>	<p>11 Bring it all together and take a listening walk. Be very quiet and see what sounds you can hear!</p>
<p>12 Word of the week is: Collaboration Collaboration means working together.</p>	<p>13 READ One fox by Kate Read</p>	<p>14 WRITE a story with a friend.</p>	<p>15 SING A counting song, like Five little monkeys</p>	<p>16 PLAY hide and seek</p>	<p>17 TALK about when you need help. What kind of help can you give others?</p>	<p>18 Bring it all together and help a friend or family member with a project or chore.</p>
<p>19 Word of the week is: Forbidden</p>	<p>20 READ Off-limits by Helen Yoon</p>	<p>21 WRITE Create an art project with office supplies</p>	<p>22 SING Along with Mama don't allow by Fox & Branch</p>	<p>23 PLAY Mother May I</p>	<p>24 TALK about rules. Have you ever broken a rule? What happened? Why do we have rules?</p>	<p>25 Ask for permission to do something unusual like stay up late, play in a weird place, or sleep outside of your bedroom.</p>
<p>26 Word of the week is: Speckled</p>	<p>27 READ Lots of spots by Lois Ehlert</p>	<p>28 WRITE Use q-tips to make your own patterns with washable paint.</p>	<p>Did you know your library card works at neighboring libraries in Walworth, Racine, Kenosha, and Rock counties? You can request materials and pick them up at Elkhorn, but why not take a trip and investigate what other libraries have to offer, from programs to maker spaces to play areas!</p>			