

Your library helps children get ready to read.

- The library has many materials and ideas you can use to talk, sing, read, write, play, and count with your child. It doesn't matter if your child is four days old or four years old, we have books, music, programs, and services to help your child develop language and prereading skills.
- We have books to read together, music to borrow, places where you can write, places to play and learn, and programs for all ages.

SNOWFLAKES, SNOWFLAKES

Sing to the tune of "Frère Jacques"

Snowflakes, snowflakes,
Snowflakes, snowflakes,
All around,
All around—
Whirling, twirling snowflakes,
Whirling, twirling snowflakes,
Hit the ground,
Hit the ground.

THE FROST SONG

Sing to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell"

The frost is in the air.
The frost is in the air.
It's wintertime, it's wintertime,
The frost is in the air.

The frost tells me it's cold.
The frost tells me it's cold.
It's wintertime, it's wintertime,
The frost tells me it's cold.

SING OTHER VERSES IN WHICH THE FROST IS "ON THE ROOF," "ON THE WINDOWS," AND "ON THE GROUND"

COLD AND SNOWY MORNING

Sing to the tune of "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush"

This is the way we put on our mittens
Put on our mittens
Put on our mittens
This is the way we put on our mittens
On a cold and snowy morning

This the way we put on our coats
Put on our coats
Put on our coats
This is the way we put on our coats
On a cold and snowy morning

This is way we put on our hats
Put on our hats
Put on our hats
This is the way we put on our hats
On a cold and snowy morning

This is the way we shovel the snow
Shovel the snow
Shovel the snow
This the way we shovel the snow
On a cold and snowy morning

This is the way we build a snowman
Build a snowman
Build a snowman
This is the way we build a snowman
On a cold and snowy morning.



Books to Read this Month

Check out these books at the library. If they are not available, ask the librarian for a recommendation.

FOR READERS AGES 0-3

Pouch

by David Ezra Stein

Black Bird Yellow Sun

by Steve Light

FOR READERS AGES 3+

Imagine!

by Raúl Colón

Where the Wild Things Are

by Maurice Sendak



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Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 WRITING Make a winter card to send to someone special. Who will you send it to?	2 PLAYING Make an indoor fort with sheets and furniture. Cuddle together and read favorite books.	3 TALKING Talk about family traditions you'll celebrate this month. Look at photos from previous years and talk about them.	4 SINGING Sing "Snowflakes, Snowflakes." (<i>Words are on the back.</i> 🐾) Give each family member a scarf and move the scarves to the beat of the song.	5 COUNTING Weigh your child and write it here _____. Compare it to the weight you wrote down in January.
6 READING Read books about different holidays and how people celebrate them. 	7 WRITING Write a message to someone important to you.	8 PLAYING Pretend to be an animal that like cold weather. Who will you be? 	9 TALKING Talk about your feelings. What made you happy today?	10 SINGING Sing, "The Frost Song." (<i>Words are on the back.</i> 🐾) 	11 COUNTING Measure your child's height and write it here _____. Compare it to January and June.	12 READING Read a fiction and nonfiction book about winter. Your library has many to choose from!
13 WRITING Draw shapes: a circle, square, triangle, and rectangle. Have your child color them in. Talk about shapes and point them out today.	14 PLAYING Play with a large empty box. What can you pretend to be and do?	15 TALKING At mealtimes, talk about the food you are preparing, what tools you are using, how you are making it, how it will taste.	16 SINGING Sing some favorite songs. Clap along to the singing.	17 COUNTING Make a high tower with blocks. How many blocks did you use?	18 READING Be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading a book, magazine, or newspaper.	19 WRITING Have each family member write one thing they liked about this week. Have your child decorate the paper.
20 PLAYING Use play dough or cloud dough to make a snowman.	21 TALKING Talk about the seasons. Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall. 	22 SINGING Sing "Cold and Snowy Morning." (<i>Words are on the back.</i> 🐾)	23 COUNTING Name three things that are white like snow. 	24 READING Draw the alphabet on strips of paper. Add the strips of paper to a container and have your child draw one. Make that the letter of the day.	25 WRITING Pick one color and only use that to cover a whole page with scribbles and pictures.	26 PLAYING Go for a short walk after dark. What do you see? What does it feel like outside?
27 TALKING Talk about favorite things that happened in 2020.	28 SINGING Make up a song using your child's name. Incorporate other family member names or pets into the song.	29 COUNTING It's Measure Your Feet Day. Line up your family's shoes or boots. Whose are the biggest? The smallest?	30 READING Snuggle together and read a book of nursery rhymes. The library can help you find one.	31 WRITING With your child, write a list of things you plan to do in 2021. 	 <p> PublicLibrary ASSOCIATION A Division of the American Library Association WWW.PLA.ORG </p>	