## DECEMBER 2023

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

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<th>SUNDAY</th>
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<td><strong>3 TALKING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Talk about family traditions. Look at photos from previous years and talk about things you will do again this year.</td>
<td><strong>4 SINGING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Change the way you sing a familiar song. Sing it faster or slower. Change up the words.</td>
<td><strong>5 COUNTING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Weigh your child and and write it here: ________&lt;br&gt;Compare it to January and June.</td>
<td><strong>6 READING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Read books about different holidays and how people celebrate them.</td>
<td><strong>7 WRITING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wrap and unwrap blocks with tin foil. This helps strengthen writing muscles and manual dexterity.</td>
<td><strong>8 PLAYING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Pretend to be an animal that likes cold weather. Who will you be?</td>
<td><strong>9 TALKING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Talk about your feelings. What made you happy today?</td>
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<td><strong>10 SINGING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sing &quot;The Frost Song.&quot; (Words are on the back.)</td>
<td><strong>11 COUNTING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Measure your child's height and write it here: ________&lt;br&gt;Compare it to January and June.</td>
<td><strong>12 READING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Read stories and then talk about them. Ask, 'What was your favorite part of the story?' or 'Which character did you like best?'</td>
<td><strong>13 WRITING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Draw a circle, square, triangle, and rectangle, and ask your child to color them in. Talk about shapes and point them out today.</td>
<td><strong>14 PLAYING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Trace a variety of different objects on a piece of paper.</td>
<td><strong>15 TALKING</strong>&lt;br&gt;At mealtimes, talk about the food that you are preparing, what tools you are using, how you are making it, and how it will taste.</td>
<td><strong>16 SINGING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Recite &quot;Three Little Kittens.&quot; (Words are on the back.)</td>
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<td><strong>17 COUNTING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Make a high tower with blocks. How many blocks did you use?</td>
<td><strong>18 READING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading a book, magazine, or newspaper.</td>
<td><strong>19 WRITING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Have each family member write one thing they liked about this week. Have your child decorate the paper.</td>
<td><strong>20 PLAYING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Use play dough to make a snowman.</td>
<td><strong>21 TALKING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Talk about the seasons: winter, spring, summer, and fall.</td>
<td><strong>22 SINGING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sing &quot;Cold and Snowy Morning&quot; (Words are on the back.)</td>
<td><strong>23 COUNTING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Name three things you have to wear in winter.</td>
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<td><strong>24 READING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Read a variety of books about winter.</td>
<td><strong>25 WRITING</strong>&lt;br&gt;With your child, make a book of words and drawings of things they are interested in.</td>
<td><strong>26 PLAYING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Go for a short walk after dark. What do you see? What does it feel like outside?</td>
<td><strong>27 TALKING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Talk about favorite things that happened in the past year.</td>
<td><strong>28 SINGING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sing nonsense words to a familiar tune. Sha la la. Doo bee doo doo bee doo wop bop, etc.</td>
<td><strong>29 COUNTING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Work together to put a stack of children's books in order from largest to smallest.</td>
<td><strong>30 READING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Snuggle together and read a book of nursery rhymes. The library can help you find one.</td>
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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.

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

First Snow
by Bomi Park

Besos for Baby
by Jen Arena
(Text is in English and Spanish)

FOR READERS AGES 3+

A Big Mooncake for Little Star
by Grace Lin

Meeting Mimi: A Story About Different Abilities
by Francie Dolan

THE THREE LITTLE KITTENS
The three little kittens, they lost their mittens,
And they began to cry,
“Oh, mother dear, we sadly fear,
That we have lost our mittens.”
“You lost your mittens?
You poor little kittens.
Well, let us have some pie.
Meow, Meow, Meow
Let us have some pie.”

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.

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

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

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

SING OTHER VERSES IN WHICH THE FROST IS “ON THE ROOF,” “ON THE WINDOWS,” AND “ON THE GROUND.”