

JANUARY 2021

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1 WRITING
Draw and colour the numbers 2021. Talk about the new year.

2 PLAYING
Play Riddle Me!
Example: "I'm white, cold and fun to play in. What am I? Snow!"

3 TALKING
Talk about favourite features of winter.

4 SINGING
Sing The Rhyming Word Song.
(Lyrics on back)


5 COUNTING
Count your fingers.
Count your toes.

6 READING
Read a talking picture book on KanopyKids, on hpl.ca.

7 WRITING
Talk about important dates on the 2021 calendar.


8 PLAYING
Create a small obstacle course with directions.

9 TALKING
Talk about colours: yours and your child's favourite(s).

10 SINGING
Pick a familiar song and act it out together.

11 COUNTING
Write your child's height here:
Measure again in June.

12 READING
Follow words with your finger when you read together.


13 WRITING
Write 'Birthday' on each day someone has one in your household.

14 PLAYING
Play Follow the Leader. Take turns being the leader.

15 TALKING
Talk about food: your child's favourite, how it tastes, smells, looks.

16 SINGING
Sing about everyday activities like making the bed.

17 COUNTING
Gather and count a pile of winter clothes.


18 READING
Let your child see you reading. Visit hpl.ca for books and more.

19 WRITING
Write a to-do list. Let your child check off finished items.

20 PLAYING
Go on an alphabet scavenger hunt! Find something that starts with A, B etc.

21 TALKING
Put ice cubes in different spots at home and talk about which one melts first.

22 SINGING
Sing a favourite song in a loud and quiet voice.

23 COUNTING
Compare your family's shoes and boots from biggest to smallest.

24 READING
Read a winter eBook.

25 WRITING
Draw an outline of your child's hand. Write the date and have the child sign it.

26 PLAYING
Put on music that inspires your child to jump and twirl.

27 TALKING
Say the nursery rhyme Hey Diddle Diddle.
(Lyrics on back)

28 SINGING
Sing the ABCs song together. Sing it fast and slow.

29 COUNTING
Say the Five Little Snowmen rhyme.
(Words on back)

31 WRITING
Make an alphabet poster with large letters.

30 READING
Read together and ask: "What do you think happens next?"

You have been your child's teacher from the day he or she was born.

You know more about your child than anyone else, and you are in the best position to help your child get ready to read. Whether your child is four days old or four years old, it is not too early or too late to help him or her develop pre-reading skills. You can help your child learn language and other early literacy skills with simple and fun activities like those in this calendar.

THE RHYMING WORD SONG

Do you know two rhyming words, rhyming words, rhyming words?

Do you know two rhyming words? They sound a lot alike.

Cat and **bat** are rhyming words, rhyming words, rhyming words

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CHANGE UP THE RHYMING WORDS TO CREATE NEW VERSES. FOR EXAMPLE:

Play and **day** are rhyming words, rhyming words, rhyming words . . .



HEY DIDDLE DIDDLE

Hey Diddle Diddle

The Cat and the Fiddle

The Cow Jumped Over the Moon

The Little Dog Laughed

To See Such Sport

And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon



FIVE LITTLE SNOWMEN

Five little snowmen standing in a row,

(Hold up five fingers)

Each had a hat and a big red bow.

(Put hands on head and then neck)

Out came the sun and stayed all day,

(Circle arms overhead)

And one little snowman melted away.

(Slump down)

REPEAT WITH 4, 3, 2, 1, UNTIL NO SNOWMEN ARE LEFT.



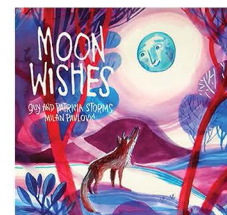
Books to Read this Month

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



The Wish Tree

Kyo Maclear



Moon Wishes

Patricia Storms



First Snow

Po-mi Pak



Mittens to Share

Emil Sher