

Early literacy begins with you and your child. Help your child get ready to read by doing simple activities every day.

January 2024



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | 1 Sing "Happy Birthday" to 2024! | 2 Make a blanket fort today and read there! | 3 Using a white crayon, draw snowflakes on colored construction paper. | 4 Use spoons, pots and pans and other kitchen tools to make music! | 5 Bundle up and go for a walk outside. Talk about the sounds you hear. | 6 Go outside and make a snow angel! |
| 7 Roll playdough into ropes and help your child form them into different letters. | 8 Talk to your child about a favorite childhood pet you had or wanted. | 9 Sing "Dance Like Snowflakes." (lyrics on back) | 10 Pretend you are a mouse. Squeak! Crouch down small on the floor. | 11 Let your child pick out a book to read today. | 12 Talk about how snow is removed from roads, sidewalks and other places. | 13 Tape a piece of paper to your child's high chair or a table and allow him/her to draw with a few crayons. |
| 14 Put labels on common items in your house, such as table, window and door. Read them to your child. | 15 Draw basic shapes on a piece of paper and name them. Have your child color over and around the shapes. | 16 Talk about what you want to do tomorrow. | 17 Read <i>The Snowy Day</i> by Ezra Jack Keats. Pay attention to the tracks that Peter made in the snow. | 18 Make a snowball and bring it inside. Watch it over time to see what happens. | 19 Sing "I'm a Little Snowman." (lyrics on back) | 20 Read "Hey, Diddle, Diddle" and act it out. Have fun jumping, laughing and running while you say the words! |
| 21 Play with puzzles today. | 22 Sing "Snowflakes, Snowflakes." (lyrics on back) | 23 Make up silly words! | 24 Try mouthing the alphabet song with no sound! A silent ABC song! | 25 Read a concept book—one about colors, numbers or letters. | 26 Practice writing the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. | 27 Play the "freeze game"—put on music you can stop and when it does, everyone freeze! |
| 28 Tell a story about snow falling at night. | 29 Read a book about summer! How is winter different? | 30 Sing your favorite song. | 31 Visit the Library to get the February activity calendar or visit our website farmlib.org/for-kids |  |  |  |

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These are five of the best practices to prepare children to read. Have fun with your child!

Songs, Rhymes & Fun Activities

Children learn best by doing. Have fun together!

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.



Roll playdough into ropes and help your child form them into different letters.



Make a blanket fort today and read there!

Snowflakes, Snowflakes

Sung to: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"

Snowflakes, snowflakes, dance around.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, touch the ground.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, in the air.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, everywhere.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, dance around.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, touch the ground.

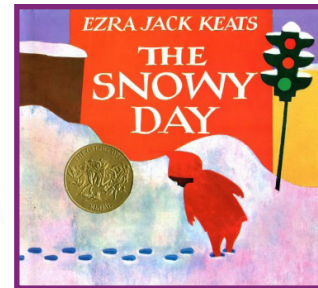
Dance Like Snowflakes

Sung to: "Frere Jacques"

Dance like snowflakes,
Dance like snowflakes,
In the air,
In the air.
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes,
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes,
Here and there,
Here and there.



Go outside and make a snow angel!



Read *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. Pay attention to the tracks that Peter made in the snow.

I'm a Little Snowman

Sung to: "I'm a Little Teapot"

I'm a little snowman short and fat,
Here is my scarf and here is my hat.
When I see the snowfall,
Hear me shout
- All you children please come out!

Your Library has many resources to help you talk, sing, read, write and play with your child. Visit us soon!

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