

# DECEMBER 2020

## Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY



MONDAY



TUESDAY

### 1 WRITING

Make a winter card to send to someone special. Who will you send it to?

WEDNESDAY

### 2 PLAYING

Make an indoor fort with sheets and furniture. Cuddle together and read favorite books.

THURSDAY

### 3 TALKING

Talk about family traditions you'll celebrate this month. Look at photos from previous years and talk about them.

FRIDAY

### 4 SINGING

Sing "Snowflakes, Snowflakes." (*Words are on the back.* ➡)  
Give each family member a scarf and move the scarves to the beat of the song.

SATURDAY

### 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 likes cold weather. Who will you be?



### 9 TALKING

Talk about your feelings. What made you happy today?

### 10 SINGING

Sing, "The Frost Song." (*Words are on the back.* ➡)



### 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." (*Words are on the back.* ➡)

### 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.



## 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*

