

December 2023

Early Literacy activities you can do at home,
school, or the library with young children.
Read, write, sing, play, and talk all week long!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>It can be hard to find time in the busy holiday season, but one of the best ways to encourage literacy in children is to model literacy for them. Let them see you set aside time to read yourself, and focus on simple things like talking and singing together while running errands, letting children have free play time, and encourage drawing and writing on their own for their own enjoyment.</p>					<p>1 TALK Look for S shapes all around you. Make a “sss” sound each time you see one!</p>	<p>2 Think about the places you visit; are there seats there? What kind of seats would you add for people to use?</p>
<p>3 Word of the Week is: Travel To travel is to go from one place to another. Where have you traveled?</p>	<p>4 READ The bus ride by Marianne Dubuc</p>	<p>5 WRITE Think of something you saw on a bus or in a car. Write or draw a story about it</p>	<p>6 SING The wheels on the bus.</p>	<p>7 PLAY Imagine a story for each of the creatures Clara sees on the bus. Act them out.</p>	<p>8 TALK about the story. What do you think is happening? Are the creatures scary or friendly?</p>	<p>9 Bring it all together and go on an imaginary bus ride. Then make a book about all the things you saw and heard.</p>
<p>10 Word of the Week is: Precipitation This means rain, snow, or anything else wet that falls from the sky.</p>	<p>11 READ Best in snow by April Pulley Sayre</p>	<p>12 WRITE Cut out snowflakes with scissors</p>	<p>13 SING “I live inside a snowglobe” by Laurie Berkner https://youtu.be/vcXC9ZzyBxo</p>	<p>14 PLAY in the snow. If there is no snow, use your imagination!</p>	<p>15 TALK about snow. Do you remember the last time it snowed? What do you like to do in the snow?</p>	<p>16 Bring it all together and play in the snow. If there is no snow, make snowflakes and snowballs out of recycled paper.</p>
<p>17 Word of the Week is: Surprise What is your favorite kind of surprise?</p>	<p>18 READ Brownie Groundhog and the wintry surprise by Susan Blackaby</p>	<p>19 WRITE a story with a surprise ending.</p>	<p>20 SING Pop goes the weasel.</p>	<p>21 PLAY Hide and seek.</p>	<p>22 TALK about a time you had a good surprise and a bad surprise. What made them good and bad?</p>	<p>23 Bring it all together and make a surprise for a friend or neighbor.</p>
<p>24 Word of the Week is: Migration Animals and people migrate—travel to other places— for many different reasons.</p>	<p>25 READ Bird count by Susan Edwards Richmond</p>	<p>26 WRITE down all the birds you see and/or draw pictures of them</p>	<p>27 SING Listen to bird songs and try to mimic them. www.birds.cornell.edu</p>	<p>28 PLAY Pretend you’re a bird. Flap your wings, look for food, and make bird sounds.</p>	<p>29 TALK About your favorite birds. What do they do? When do you see them? What do they like to eat? How big are they?</p>	<p>30 Bring it all together and go for a walk. How many birds do you see? Participate in a bird count!</p>