December 2022
Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

**Sunday**

**Singing**
Change the way you sing a familiar song. Sing it faster or slower. Change up the words.

**Counting**
Weigh your child and write it here: ________
Compare it to January and June.

**Reading**
Read books about different holidays and how people celebrate them.

**Writing**
Wrap and unwrap blocks with tin foil. This helps strengthen writing muscles and manual dexterity.

**Monday**

**Playing**
Make an indoor tent with blankets and furniture. Cuddle together and read favorite books.

**Talking**
Talk about family traditions. Look at photos from previous years and talk about things you will do again this year.

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

**Counting**
Make a high tower with blocks. How many blocks did you use?

**Reading**
Be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading a book, magazine, or newspaper.

**Writing**
Draw a circle, square, triangle, and rectangle, and ask your child to color them in. Talk about shapes and point them out today.

**Playing**
Trace a variety of different objects on a piece of paper.

**Tuesday**

**Singing**
Sing nonsense words to a familiar tune. Sha la la. Doo bee doo bee doo wop bop, etc.

**Talking**
Talk about favorite things that happened in the past year.

**Singing**
Sing "Cold and Snowy Morning." (Words are on the back.)

**Counting**
Name three things you have to wear in winter.

**Reading**
Fill a jar with pieces of paper with letters on them and have your child pick one. Use that letter as the letter of the day and look for that letter.

**Writing**
Pick one color and only use that color to cover a whole page with scribbles and pictures.

**Playing**
Go for a short walk after dark. What do you see? What does it feel like outside?

**Talk**
Talk about the seasons: winter, spring, summer, and fall.

**Reading**
Read books about winter. Your library has many to choose from!

**Writing**
Have each family member write one thing they liked about this week. Have your child decorate the paper.

**Playing**
Use play dough to make a snowman.

**Wednesday**

**Singing**
Recite "Three Little Kittens." (Words are on the back.)

**Talking**
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.

**Singing**
Sing "Cold and Snowy Morning." (Words are on the back.)

**Counting**
Work together to put a stack of children's books in order from largest to smallest.

**Reading**
Snuggle together and read a book of nursery rhymes. The library can help you find one.

**Writing**
With your child, write a list of things you plan to do in 2023.
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.

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.

FOR READERS AGES 0-3
Alma and How She Got Her Name
by Juana Martinez-Neal

Waiting
by Kevin Henkes

FOR READERS AGES 3+
They All Saw a Cat
by Brendan Wenzel

Stars
by Mary Lyn Ray

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 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
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
This 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.