

DECEMBER 2020

DAILY LITERACY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Make a winter card to give to someone special. To whom will you send it?	Make an indoor fort with sheets and furniture. Cuddle together and read a favourite book.	Talk about family traditions. Look at photos from previous years and talk about them.	Sing Snowflakes, Snowflakes. (Lyrics on next page.) Give each family member a scarf and move the scarves to the beat of the song.	Count how many bowls you have in the kitchen.
		1 WRITE	2 PLAY	3 TALK	4 SING	5 COUNT
Read books about different holidays and how people celebrate them.	Write a message to someone important to you.	Pretend to be an animal that likes cold weather. Who will you be?	Talk about your feelings. What made you happy today?	Sing, The Frost Song. (Lyrics on next page.)	Build a tower with things you have around the house. How many items did you use?	Read a fiction and non-fiction book about winter. HPL has many to choose!
6 READ	7 WRITE	8 PLAY	9 TALK	10 SING	11 COUNT	12 READ
Draw shapes: a circle, square, triangle, and rectangle. Have your child colour them. Talk about shapes and point them out today.	Play with an empty box. What can you pretend to be and do?	At mealtimes, talk about the food you are preparing, what tools you are using, how you are making it, how it will taste.	Sing some favorite songs. Clap along to the singing.	Look at three vegetables and determine which is the biggest. Which weights the most?	Be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading a book, magazine, or newspaper.	Have each family member write one thing they liked about this week. Have your child decorate the paper.
13 WRITE	14 PLAY	15 TALK	16 SING	17 COUNT	18 READ	19 WRITE
Pretend you could go anywhere in the world and pack what you would need to take with you.	Talk about the seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall.	Sing Cold and Snowy Morning. (Lyrics on next page)	Name three things that are white like snow.	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.	Pick one color and only use that to cover a whole page with scribbles and pictures.	Play the Letter Day game. Look for things that begin with 'W' like winter!
20 PLAY	21 TALK	22 SING	23 COUNT	24 READ	25 WRITE	26 PLAY
Talk about favourite things that happened in 2020.	Make up a song using your child's name. Incorporate other family member names or pets into the song.	Look at all the furniture your bedroom. Which piece is the biggest?	Snuggle together and read a book of nursery rhymes.	With your child, write a list of things you plan to do in 2021.		
27 TALK	28 SING	29 COUNT	30 READ	31 WRITE		

HPL helps children get ready to read. 🌞



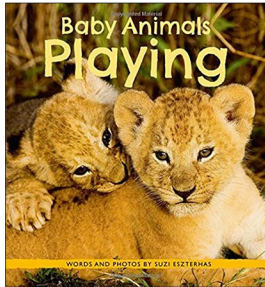
HPL has many materials and ideas you can use to talk, sing, read, write, play and count with your child. HPL has books, music, programs and services to help children of any age develop language and pre-reading skills.



We have books to read together, music to borrow, places where you can write, places to play and learn and programs for all ages.

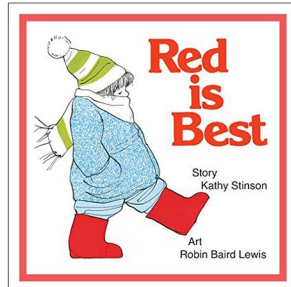


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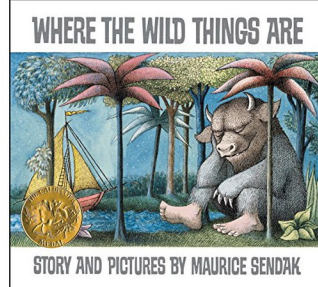
Baby Animals Playing
by Suzi Eszterhas

3+ Years



Red is Best
by Kathy Stinson

3+ Years



Where the Wild Things Are
by Maurice Sendak

3+ Years



Don't Let the Pidgeon Stay Up Late
by Mo Willems

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.