

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

# November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Play "Autumn I Spy"—look for pumpkins, scarecrows and squirrels!	2 The weather is changing. Go outside and talk about what you see and hear.	3 Sing "9 Little Leaves" (lyrics on back).
4 Go outside—run, jump and have fun!	5 Make leaf rubbings with white paper and peeled crayon pieces.	6 Trace your child's feet on a piece of paper and number each toe!	7 Sing and move to "Scarecrow, Scarecrow, Turn Around" (lyrics on back).	8 Have your child draw zig-zags, squiggles and other lines on paper.	9 Talk about your favorite part of the day.	10 Make trail mix with your child, following the recipe on the back.
11 Look at a family photograph and talk about the people and where the picture was taken.	12 As you read a book, point to the words.	13 Make a grocery list with your child. Check off items as you shop.	14 Sing "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep" (lyrics on back).	15 Put an object in your hand and have your child guess which hand it is in!	16 Read a book with rhymes. Can you think of more rhyming words?	17 Write your child's name on a piece of paper and cut the letters apart. Can your child put them back in order?
18 Sing "The Wheels on the Bus."	19 Make letters using yarn.	20 At the grocery store, read signs and product names to your child.	21 Have fun with a ball today—bounce, toss and roll it!	22 What are you thankful for? Talk about it together.	23 Sing the alphabet song while marching around the room.	24 Look for shapes in your house. Identify and name them.
25 Listen to music while playing today.	26 Check out a music CD from the library and sing along with it.	27 Read a book to your child using funny voices!	28 Tape two or three crayons together for your child to draw with.	29 Make a snack together with your child. Talk about the ingredients.	30 Visit the Library to get the December activity calendar or visit our website ( <i>Kids Page - Birth to 6 - Early Literacy Calendar</i> ).	

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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!

## KIDDOS' FAVORITE TRAIL MIX

*(Include or eliminate ingredients as you wish. Be aware of potential food allergies.)*

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup Cheerios toasted oat cereal (honey nut, plain and apple cinnamon work equally as well)
- 1 cup goldfish crackers or 1 cup other cheese crackers
- 1 cup favorite nuts
- 1 cup miniature M&M's chocolate candies (or other chocolate candy)
- 1 cup miniature pretzels

### DIRECTIONS

1. Mix everything together in a sealed container.
2. Store in cool, dry area (to prevent melting of chocolate candies).



Make leaf rubbings with white paper and peeled crayons.

## 9 LITTLE LEAVES

Sung to: "Ten Little Indians"

1 little, 2 little, 3 little leaves  
4 little, 5 little, 6 little leaves  
7 little, 8 little, 9 little leaves  
Blow them all away. Whoosh!

Tape two or three crayons together for your child to color with.



## SCARECROW, SCARECROW, TURN AROUND

Sung to: "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around"

Scarecrow, scarecrow, turn around.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow, jump up and down!  
Scarecrow, scarecrow, wave arms up high.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow, blink your eyes.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow, bend your knees.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow, flap in the breeze.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow, climb into bed.  
Scarecrow, scarecrow, rest your head.



Make letters using yarn.

## BAA, BAA, BLACK SHEEP

Baa, baa, black sheep, have you any wool?  
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full!  
One for the master,  
One for the dame,  
And one for the little boy  
Who lives down the lane.  
Baa, baa, black sheep, have you any wool?  
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full!



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

**Main Library:** 32737 W. 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 848-4315

**Farmington Branch:** 23500 Liberty St. Farmington, MI 48335 (248) 473-3118