# January 2020 Early Literacy Calendar

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<td>Preparing your child for school is easy and fun! Children learn through play! <strong>TALK – SING – READ – WRITE – PLAY</strong>&lt;br&gt;<a href="https://sonomalibrary.org">https://sonomalibrary.org</a>&lt;br&gt;Ask your librarian for more great suggestions!</td>
<td><strong>1. TALK</strong>&lt;br&gt;What are you looking forward to this year?</td>
<td><strong>2. MATH</strong>&lt;br&gt;Count how many months there are in a year.</td>
<td><strong>3. READ</strong>&lt;br&gt;Read a story about snow.</td>
<td><strong>4. WRITE</strong>&lt;br&gt;Draw 10 triangles in different colors.</td>
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<td><strong>5. SING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sing “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”</td>
<td><strong>6. PLAY</strong>&lt;br&gt;Make a snowflake out of paper. What color should it be?</td>
<td><strong>7. TALK</strong>&lt;br&gt;Tell a friend about a book you just read.</td>
<td><strong>8. READ</strong>&lt;br&gt;Read a non-fiction book.</td>
<td><strong>9. RHYME</strong>&lt;br&gt;Play “Two Little Bluebirds”.</td>
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<td><strong>10. WRITE</strong>&lt;br&gt;Draw a picture of a rainbow.</td>
<td><strong>11. VISIT</strong>&lt;br&gt;Visit the library and check out a Mother Goose book.</td>
<td><strong>12. TALK</strong>&lt;br&gt;I feel _____. Talk about what emotion you are feeling.</td>
<td><strong>13. READ</strong>&lt;br&gt;Read a story about a bear.</td>
<td><strong>14. SING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Turn “I’m a Little Teapot” into “I’m a little Snowman!”</td>
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<td><strong>15. PLAY</strong>&lt;br&gt;Tell a story using stuffed animals.</td>
<td><strong>16. MATH</strong>&lt;br&gt;Take a walk and count how many dogs you see.</td>
<td><strong>17. WRITE</strong>&lt;br&gt;Draw a picture of your face.</td>
<td><strong>18. SING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sing the ABC’s, fast, slow and in a silly voice.</td>
<td><strong>19. READ</strong>&lt;br&gt;Read your favorite book together at nap time.</td>
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<td><strong>20. PLAY</strong>&lt;br&gt;How many blocks can you stack? Count them as you build.</td>
<td><strong>21. RHYME</strong>&lt;br&gt;Play “Round and Round the Garden” with your child.</td>
<td><strong>22. SING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Teach your child a song from your childhood.</td>
<td><strong>23. TALK</strong>&lt;br&gt;How many different colors are you wearing today?</td>
<td><strong>24. MATH</strong>&lt;br&gt;Gather toys of different colors and sort them by color.</td>
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<td><strong>25. PLAY</strong>&lt;br&gt;Play “Find the Snack.” Hide crackers under bowls for your child to find.</td>
<td><strong>26. PLAY</strong>&lt;br&gt;Read a story that you can chant or sing.</td>
<td><strong>27. READ</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sing a song from your favorite movie or television show.</td>
<td><strong>28. PLAY</strong>&lt;br&gt;Pretend to be airplanes and fly around the room together.</td>
<td><strong>29. MATH</strong>&lt;br&gt;Draw a simple AB pattern with your child.</td>
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<td><strong>30. VISIT</strong>&lt;br&gt;Visit the library and check out a CD to share with your child.</td>
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Early Literacy Tip: The Language of nursery rhymes and books is different from the language of conversation. Rhymes and books often have one or two unusual words, ones that children don’t hear in regular conversation. Having a large vocabulary helps children understand what they hear and what they will later read. If there is a word your child doesn’t understand, explain it to them!
Songs and Rhymes to Share with your Little One

Two Little Bluebirds
Two little bluebirds sitting on a hill.
One named Jack and one named Jill.
Fly away Jack, fly away Jill.
Come back Jack, come back Jill.

Two little bluebirds flying in the sky.
One named Low and one named High...

Two little bluebirds sitting on a pole.
One named Fast and one named Slow...

Two little bluebirds sitting on a gate...
One named Early and one named Late...

Row, Row, Row Your Boat
Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream.
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,
Life is but a dream.

Row row row your boat
gently down the stream
if you see a crocodile
don’t forget to scream! (scream)

Rock, rock, rock your boat
Gently to and fro.
Look out, give a shout!
Into the water you go! (pretend to make a big splash)

Round and round the garden
Round and round the garden
Like a teddy bear.
One step, two step,
Tickle you under there.

I’m a Little Teapot
I’m a little teapot
Short and stout
Here is my handle
Here is my spout
When I get all steamed up
I just shout
Tip me over and pour me out