## December 2019 Early Literacy Calendar

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| 1. **READ**  
Read a book about rain or snow. | 2. **SING**  
Make up a song about the sound of rain or thunder. | 3. **VISIT**  
Visit the library and find a book and CD to borrow. | 4. **READ**  
Read a book that has an animal in it. | 5. **WRITE**  
Practice writing the first letter of your name. | 6. **PLAY**  
Imitate an animal and let your child guess what animal. Let him/her do the same. | 7. **SING**  
Make up a tune and sing the rhyme “Rain on the Green Grass”. |
| 8. **SCIENCE**  
Melt ice with salt. Watch what happens. | 9. **VISIT**  
Visit your library and find out where the new books are. | 10. **TALK**  
When it’s cold outside, what do you like to wear to keep warm? | 11. **MATH**  
How high can you count? | 12. **PLAY**  
Dress up and have a tea party. | 13. **RHYME**  
Share the rhyme “I hear thunder”. | 14. **VISIT**  
Visit your library and find a counting book. |
| 15. **TALK**  
At a meal, talk about what you are eating and use new words to describe it. | 16. **READ**  
Let your child read his/her favorite book to you. | 17. **WRITE**  
Practice drawing or tracing different lines; straight, zigzag or circles. | 18. **SCIENCE**  
What is attracted to a magnet? Explore objects in your house to find out. | 19. **SING**  
Sing the song “The More We Get Together”. | 20. **VISIT**  
Visit your library and find a book about rain. | 21. **READ**  
Read a book about winter. |
| 22. **TALK**  
Talk about how you are feeling today. Are you happy? Tired? Sad? | 23. **PLAY**  
Put on music and dance! | 24. **MATH**  
Talk about the ideas of “more” and “less”. Find something that is more than something else. | 25. **TALK**  
Talk about all the different members of your family. | 26. **READ**  
Read a story about a family. | 27. **WRITE**  
Form letters of the alphabet with play-dough. | 28. **MATH**  
Take a walk and count the birds that you see. |
| 29. **READ**  
Read a book and talk about the illustrations. | 30. **SING**  
Sing the song “Polly Put the Kettle On”. | 31. **PLAY**  
Can you make music with pots and pans? |  |  |  | |

Preparing your child for school is easy and fun!  
Children learn through play!  
**TALK – SING – READ – WRITE – PLAY**  
Ask your librarian for more great suggestions.  
[https://sonomalibrary.org](https://sonomalibrary.org)
**Songs and Rhymes to Share with your Little One**

**RAIN ON THE GREEN GRASS**

Rain on the green grass,
Rain on the tree,
Rain on the housetop,
But not on me.

**MELT ICE WITH SALT**

A day in advance, have your child fill small paper cups
with water and put them in the freezer overnight.

The day of the experiment, have the child peel the
paper off of the ice and place it in a disposable bowl.
Use an eyedropper to place drops of colored water on
the ice to add color, then have the child sprinkle on
some salt, and observe what happens.

The salt seems to “eat away” at the ice, and with the
food color added, it looks like colored crystals!

**THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER**

The more we get together
Together, together
The more we get together
The happier we'll be
’Cause your friends are my friends
And my friends are your friends
The more we get together
The happier we'll be

**I HEAR THUNDER**

*(tune: Where is Thumbkin)*

I hear thunder!
I hear thunder!
Hark, don't you?
Hark, don't you?

Pitter, patter raindrops,
Pitter patter raindrops,
I'm wet through
And so are you!

**POLLY PUT THE KETTLE ON**

Polly put the kettle on,
Polly put the kettle on,
Polly put the kettle on,
We'll all have tea.

Sukey take it off again,
Sukey take it off again,
Sukey take it off again,
They've all gone away.