# **DECEMBER 2024**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	S A T U R D A Y
1 WRITING	2 PLAYING	3 TALKING	4 SINGING	5 COUNTING	6 READING	7 WRITING
Make a winter card to send to someone special. Who will you send it to? Use a stamp and post the card in a mailbox.	Make an indoor tent with blankets and furniture. Cuddle together and read favorite books.	Talk about family traditions. Look at photos from previous years and talk about things you will do again this year.	Change the way you sing a familiar song. Sing it faster or slower. Change up the words.	Weigh your child and and write it here: Compare it to January and June.	Read books about different holidays and how people celebrate them.	Wrap and unwrap blocks with tin foil. This helps strengthen writing muscles and manual dexterity.
8 PLAYING	9 TALKING	10 SINGING	11 COUNTING	12 READING	13 WRITING	14 PLAYING
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." (Words are on the back. A)	Measure your child's height and write it here: Compare it to January and June.	Read stories and then talk about them. Ask, 'What was your favorite part of the story?' or 'Which character did you like best?'	Use words or drawings to label objects and create signs for different areas of the house.	Trace a variety of different objects on a piece of paper.
15 TALKING	16 SINGING	17 COUNTING	18 READING	19 WRITING	20 PLAYING	21 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.	Recite "Three Little Kittens." (Words are on the back. (*)	Make a high tower with blocks. How many blocks did you use?	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.	Use play dough to make a snowman.	Encourage family members to share stories about their day during dinner or before bedtime.
22 SINGING	23 COUNTING	24 READING	25 WRITING	26 PLAYING	27 TALKING	28 SINGING
Sing "Cold and Snowy Morning" (Words are on the back. A)	Name three things you have to wear in winter.	Read a variety of books about winter.	With your child, make a book of words and drawings of things they are interested in.	Go for a short walk after dark. What do you see? What does it feel like outside?	Talk about favorite things that happened in the past year.	Sing nonsense words to a familiar tune. Sha la la. Doo bee doo bee doo bee doo wop bop, etc.
29 COUNTING	30 READING	31 WRITING	. •	*		
Work together to put a stack of children's Obooks in order from largest to smallest.	Read a book of nursery rhymes. The library can help you find one.	Write a list of things to do in 2025.	Ń			

## 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.

SING OTHER VERSES IN WHICH THE FROST IS "ON THE ROOF," "ON THE WINDOWS," AND "ON THE GROUND"

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#### **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

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Shovel the snow

Shovel the snow

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## Books to Read this Month

Check out these books at the library. If they are not available, ask the librarian for a recommendation.

## FOR READERS AGES 0-3

Whose Prints? by Kari Allen

Some of These Are Snails by Carter Higgins

### FOR READERS AGES 3+

A Winter Walk in the City by Cathy Goldberg Fishman

Do I Have to Wear a Coat? by Rachel Isadora

