

EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR: DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>This week's theme: Weather</p>	<p>SING Sing "<u>What's the Weather</u>"</p>	<p>TALK Talk about the weather you see outside today</p>	<p>READ Read a story with a clear sign of weather on the cover</p>	<p>WRITE Draw a picture of either a stormy or a sunny day</p>	<p>PLAY Build a fort that would withstand a storm!</p>	<p>Book of the week: <i><u>Rain!</u></i> by <i><u>Linda Ashman</u></i></p>
<p>This week's theme: Soup</p>	<p>SING Sing "<u>Making Soup</u>"</p>	<p>TALK Talk about your favorite type of soup and its ingredients</p>	<p>READ Read a story that features a character making or eating soup</p>	<p>WRITE Draw a picture of your family eating soup</p>	<p>PLAY Help a grownup make soup or pretend to make your own!</p>	<p>Book of the week: <i><u>Freedom Soup</u></i> by <i><u>Tami Charles</u></i></p>
<p>This week's theme: Bedtime</p>	<p>SING Sing "<u>Zoom, Zoom, Zoom</u>"</p>	<p>TALK Talk about your bedtime routine</p>	<p>READ Read a book that has a picture of a character in bed</p>	<p>WRITE Draw a picture of yourself in bed or getting ready for bed</p>	<p>PLAY Play "bedtime" with your toys and pretend that you're putting them to bed</p>	<p>Book of the week: <i><u>Bedtime 123</u></i> by <i><u>Eric Walters</u></i></p>
<p>This week's theme: Winter</p>	<p>SING Sing "<u>Snowflake, Snowflake, In the Sky</u>"</p>	<p>TALK Talk about the weather and temperature in winter</p>	<p>READ Read a nonfiction book about winter</p>	<p>WRITE Draw a picture of yourself dressed for winter</p>	<p>PLAY Practice putting on your winter gear and go outside!</p>	<p>Book of the week: <i><u>Winter, Winter, Cold and Snow</u></i> by <i><u>Sharon Gibson Palermo</u></i></p>
<p>This week's theme: Bears</p>	<p>SING Sing "<u>Bears are Sleeping</u>"</p>	<p>TALK Talk about the different types of bears</p>	<p>READ Read a story with a bear on the cover</p>	<p>WRITE Draw a picture of a stuffed animal bear or a real one!</p>	<p>PLAY Pretend to be a bear. Don't forget to growl!</p>	<p>Book of the week: <i><u>All About Bears</u></i> by <i><u>Jennifer Szymanski</u></i></p>



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EARLY LITERACY TIPS AND RESOURCES

Read, Write, Sing, Talk, and Play Together

Through reading, writing, singing, talking, and playing together at home, parents and caregivers can help children develop early literacy skills that will get them ready to read! This calendar provides ideas and book suggestions that puts these activities in an early literacy context- we hope you enjoy them! Most of our song suggestions can be found on the Jbrary YouTube page and all of our book suggestions are available on Hoopla.

Library Programs

We are continuing to offer fun programs and kits for all ages! We provide virtual storytimes, as well as craft activities to do at home through our Library To-Go Kit program. We also have monthly world language storytimes in Japanese and Taiwanese. For more information about our ongoing programs for children, visit us at brklib.com/kidsprograms.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

This self-paced program has one goal: Read 1,000 books with your child before they enter kindergarten. Habitual reading has an incredible impact on many aspects of a child's development, including vocabulary, creativity, social skills, and empathy. For every 100 books read, your child will earn a small prize to encourage them to keep reading. Sign up online at <https://brooklinelibrary.beanstack.org/reader365> or by visiting any Library location!



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