

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 weekly programs such as storytimes, craft programs, Lego club, and Library To-Go Kits. We also have monthly world language storytimes in French, Hebrew, Japanese, Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish, 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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EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR: JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
This week's theme: New Year's	SING Sing " <u>Happy New Year Zoom, Zoom, Zoom!</u> "	TALK Talk about calendar units of time (months, years, etc.)	READ Re-read a favorite book of 2020	WRITE Draw a picture of something you want to do in 2021	PLAY Play a new game to celebrate the new year	Book of the week: <u>Shanté Keys And The New Year's Peas</u> by Gail Piernas-Davenport
This week's theme: Snow	SING Sing " <u>Bumping Up and Down in My Little Blue Sled</u> "	TALK Talk about a favorite snowy-weather activity	READ Read a story that takes place in winter	WRITE Draw a picture of yourself playing in the snow	PLAY Play in the snow or pretend that it's snowing!	Book of the week: <u>Snow Song</u> by A.K. Riley
This week's theme: Activism	SING Sing " <u>If I Had a Hammer</u> "	TALK Talk about what you can do to make a difference	READ Read a biography about a famous activist	WRITE Draw a picture of an activist	PLAY Do something nice for a loved one	Book of the week: <u>A Is for Activist</u> by Innosanto Nagara
This week's theme: Dance	SING Check out <u>the music on Hoopla</u> , like Raffi!	TALK Talk about how dancing or watching dance makes you feel	READ Read a book with the word "dance" in the title	WRITE Draw a picture of yourself dancing with a friend or family member	PLAY Put on some music and dance around!	Book of the week: <u>My Friend Maya Loves to Dance</u> by Cheryl Willis Hudson
This week's theme: Baking	SING Sing " <u>Five Little Cookies in the Bakery Shop</u> "	TALK Talk about kitchen safety for baking	READ Read a book with a pastry on the cover	WRITE Draw a picture of your favorite baked good	PLAY Help a grown up bake something or pretend you're baking!	Book of the week: <u>Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes</u> by Kimberly and James Dean



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EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR: FEBRUARY

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This week's theme: Baking	SING Sing " <u>Five Little Cookies in the Bakery Shop</u> "	TALK Talk about kitchen safety for baking	READ Read a book with a pastry on the cover	WRITE Draw a picture of your favorite baked good	PLAY Help a grown-up bake something or pretend you're baking!	Book of the week: <u>Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes</u> by <u>Kimberly and James Dean</u>
This week's theme: Instruments	SING Sing " <u>Hands Are Clapping</u> "	TALK Talk about different types of instruments and the sounds they make	READ Read a book with a musical instrument on the cover	WRITE Draw a picture of yourself playing your favorite instrument	PLAY Play an instrument or make your own with anything you have on hand!	Book of the week: <u>Trombone Shorty</u> by <u>Troy Andrews</u>
This week's theme: Family	SING Sing " <u>We're a Musical Family</u> "	TALK Talk about your family members and share your favorite memories	READ Read a story that features a family that is different from your own	WRITE Draw a picture of your family!	PLAY Play a game with a family member	Book of the week: <u>Saturday</u> by <u>Oge Mora</u>
This week's theme: Painting	SING Sing " <u>Bubble, Bubble Pop</u> "	TALK Talk with a family member about a painting you've made	READ Read a story about an artist	WRITE Use paint or another fun material to create a masterpiece!	PLAY Play "I Spy" and look for different colors around your home	Book of the week: <u>Aunt Luce's Talking Paintings</u> by <u>Francie Latour</u>
This week's theme: Counting	SING Sing " <u>5 Elephants in the Bathtub</u> "	TALK Count the number of blue items in your room!	READ Read a book with a number in the title	WRITE Draw a picture with ten animals and then count them all!	PLAY Sort your toys into groups and then count how many are in each group	Book of the week: <u>Grandma's Tiny House</u> by <u>JaNay Brown-Wood</u>



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This week's theme: Counting	SING Sing " <u>5 Elephants in the Bathtub</u> "	TALK Count the number of blue items in your room!	READ Read a book with a number in the title	WRITE Draw a picture with ten animals and then count them all!	PLAY Sort your toys into groups and then count how many are in each group	Book of the week: <u>Grandma's Tiny House</u> by JaNay Brown-Wood
This week's theme: Flowers	SING Sing " <u>Be A Seed</u> "	TALK Talk about flowers and their colors	READ Read a story with a flower on the cover	WRITE Draw a picture of a place that has flowers	PLAY Make a flower out of recycled paper or other materials	Book of the week: <u>Planting a Rainbow</u> by Lois Ehlert
This week's theme: Pets	SING Sing " <u>I'm a Little Kitty Cat</u> "	TALK Talk about which animal you'd like as a pet!	READ Read a book about a pet	WRITE Draw a picture of your pet or a friend's pet	PLAY Play with your pet or play Tag with a family member	Book of the week: <u>Me and My Dragon</u> by David Biedrzycki
This week's theme: Spring	SING Sing " <u>The Four Seasons Song</u> "	TALK Talk about the kinds of weather you see in spring	READ Read a story that takes place during spring	WRITE Draw a picture of animals you might see in spring	PLAY Play Hide and Seek with a family member	Book of the week: <u>Because of an Acorn</u> by Lola Schaefer
This week's theme: Pizza	SING Sing " <u>P-I-Z-Z-A</u> "	TALK Talk about your favorite pizza toppings	READ Read a book featuring a pizza	WRITE Draw a picture of who you'd like to eat pizza with!	PLAY Pretend you're making a pizza, or make one to eat with a grownup!	Book of the week: <u>Secret Pizza Party</u> by Adam Rubin



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EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR: APRIL

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This week's theme: Family	SING Sing " <u>Five Little Ducks</u> "	TALK Talk about your family's traditions	READ Read with a pet or stuffed animal	WRITE Write a card to a loved one	PLAY Play a game with your whole family	Book of the week: <i>Stella Brings the Family</i> by <u>Miriam B. Schiffer</u>
This week's theme: Art	SING Sing " <u>If You're Happy and You Know It</u> "	TALK Talk about the art around your home (homemade or other!)	READ Read a story with pictures	WRITE Draw a picture of a magical creature or character	PLAY Make some art using paint, markers, or Crayons	Book of the week: <i>Maybe Something Beautiful</i> by <u>F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell</u>
This week's theme: Food	SING Sing " <u>Apples and Bananas</u> "	TALK Talk about where your food comes from	READ Listen to a story while you eat a snack or lunch	WRITE Draw a picture of your favorite meal	PLAY Help your family cook a meal	Book of the week: <i>My Food, Your Food</i> by <u>Lisa Bullard</u>
This week's theme: Nature	SING Sing " <u>The Itsy Bitsy Spider</u> "	TALK Talk about the plants and animals you see outside	READ Read a story outside	WRITE Draw a picture of your favorite season	PLAY Create something only using recycled materials	Book of the week: <i>A Stone Sat Still</i> by <u>Brendan Wenzel</u>
This week's theme: Community	SING Sing " <u>The Wheels on the Bus</u> "	TALK Talk about your favorite community center	READ Read a story about someone who is different from you	WRITE Write a note or draw a picture of your community	PLAY Pretend you're visiting your favorite place	Book of the week: <i>Be a Maker</i> by <u>Katey Howes</u>



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This week's theme: Community	SING Sing " <u>The Wheels on the Bus</u> "	TALK Talk about your favorite community center	READ Read a story about someone who is different from you	WRITE Write a note or draw a picture of your community	PLAY Pretend you're visiting your favorite place	Book of the week: <i><u>Be a Maker by Katey Howes</u></i>
This week's theme: Construction	SING Sing " <u>The Construction Song</u> "	TALK Talk about which materials you need to build a house	READ Read a story about construction vehicles	WRITE Draw your own design for a building	PLAY Build a tower out of blocks, LEGOs, or anything else!	Book of the week: <i><u>Dump Truck's Colors by Sherri Rinker</u></i>
This week's theme: Animals	SING Sing " <u>Old McDonald Had a Farm</u> "	TALK Talk about where different animals live	READ Read a story that has facts about animals	WRITE Write a card to a pet or draw a picture of your favorite animal	PLAY Pretend you're a zookeeper with stuffed animals	Book of the week: <i><u>Little Penguin Gets The Hiccups by Tadgh Bentley</u></i>
This week's theme: Music	SING Sing " <u>Twinkle Twinkle Little Star</u> "	TALK Talk about places you might hear music	READ Read a story about a famous musician	WRITE Draw a picture to go with your favorite song	PLAY Make up your own songs during play time	Album of the week: <i><u>Raffi Radio by Raffi</u></i>
This week's theme: Numbers	SING Sing " <u>Five Green and Speckled Frogs</u> "	TALK Talk about a time when you needed to count something	READ Read a story that includes counting	WRITE Trace numbers using crayons, markers, or paint	PLAY Go on a scavenger hunt for numbers around your house	Book of the week: <i><u>One Hundred Hungry Ants by Elinor Pinczes</u></i>



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This week's theme: Colors	SING Sing " <u>Bubble, Bubble, Pop</u> "	TALK Talk about the colors you see in your bedroom	READ Read a book that has six different colors on the cover	WRITE Draw a picture using as many colors as you can	PLAY Play "I Spy" for different colored objects at home	Book of the week: <i>Red: A Crayon's Story</i> by <u>Michael Hall</u>
This week's theme: Night Time	SING Sing " <u>Zoom, Zoom, Zoom</u> "	TALK Talk about which animals come out at night	READ Read a story that takes place at night	WRITE Draw a picture of what you think your pets or stuffed animals do at night	PLAY Make a fort that you can sleep or nap in	Book of the week: <i>Goodnight Moon</i> by <u>Margaret Wise Brown</u>
This week's theme: Camping	SING Sing " <u>Brown Squirrel, Brown Squirrel, Shake Your Bushy Tail</u> "	TALK Talk about which animals you might find in the woods	READ Read a story with a tent on the cover	WRITE Draw a picture of your favorite outdoor place	PLAY Set up a tent (real or imaginary) and tell a story inside it!	Book of the week: <i>The Hike</i> by <u>Alison Farrell</u>
This week's theme: Summer	SING Sing " <u>Row, Row, Row Your Boat</u> "	TALK Talk about which foods grow in summertime	READ Read a story that takes place on a beach	WRITE Draw a picture of a perfect summer day	PLAY Play a game outside, like "Simon Says"	Book of the week: <i>W is for Waves</i> by <u>Roland Smith</u>
This week's theme: Vehicles	SING Sing " <u>The Wheels on the Bus</u> "	TALK Talk about the vehicles you see in the city	READ Read a story where a vehicle is the main character	WRITE Draw a picture of something with wheels	PLAY Make a play vehicle out of cardboard	Book of the week: <i>Trucks Go</i> by <u>Steve Light</u>



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This week's theme: Vehicles	SING Sing " <u>The Wheels on the Bus</u> "	TALK Talk about the vehicles you see in the city	READ Read a story where a vehicle is the main character	WRITE Draw a picture of something with wheels	PLAY Make a play vehicle out of cardboard	Book of the week: <i><u>Trucks Go by Steve Light</u></i>
This week's theme: Beach	SING Sing " <u>Baby Shark</u> "	TALK Talk about what animals you see at the beach	READ Read a story that takes place on a beach	WRITE Draw a picture of a family day at the beach	PLAY Play in a sprinkler, lake, or anywhere with water!	Book of the week: <i><u>Beach Baby by Laurie Elmquist</u></i>
This week's theme: Shapes	SING Sing " <u>A Circle Is a Shape</u> "	TALK Talk about what shapes you see everyday	READ Read a picture book that has a clear shape on the cover	WRITE Have an adult draw a shape and then draw a picture from the shape	PLAY Build a tower with LEGOs, blocks-anything with clear shapes!	Book of the week: <i><u>Round is a Tortilla by Roseanne Thong</u></i>
This week's theme: Space	SING Sing " <u>Zoom, Zoom, Zoom</u> "	TALK Talk about what stars and planets you can see in July	READ Read a story that discusses space	WRITE Draw a picture of a what you think could live in space	PLAY Pretend to be a space explorer in a faraway galaxy	Book of the week: <i><u>Astro Girl by Ken Wilson-Max</u></i>
This week's theme: Castles	SING Sing " <u>The Grand 'Ole Duke of York</u> "	TALK Talk about what a castle is and if you've ever seen one	READ Read a story that features a castle	WRITE Draw half a castle and have an adult to draw the other half!	PLAY Build a pretend castle out of cushions or cardboard	Book of the week: <i><u>Over At the Castle by Boni Ashburn</u></i>



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This week's theme: Water	SING Sing " <u>Bubble, Bubble, Pop</u> "	TALK Talk about where drinking water comes from	READ Read a story that shows water on the cover	WRITE Draw a picture of your favorite lake or beach	PLAY Play in a sprinkler, lake, or anywhere with water!	Book of the week: <i><u>Over the Ocean</u></i> by <u>Taro Gomi</u>
This week's theme: Colors	SING Sing " <u>Rainbow Colors</u> "	TALK Talk about the colors you see around your house	READ Read a book that has at least four colors on the cover	WRITE Draw or paint a picture using your favorite color	PLAY Sort your toys by color. Which has the most?	Book of the week: <i><u>Planting a Rainbow</u></i> by <u>Lois Ehlert</u>
This week's theme: Trees	SING Sing " <u>Farmer Brown</u> "	TALK Talk about what trees look like in different seasons	READ Read a book outside, under a tree	WRITE Draw a picture of a tree you see outside	PLAY Play outside, near a tree	Book of the week: <i><u>The Boy Who Grew a Forest</u></i> by <u>Sophia Gholz</u>
This week's theme: Dessert	SING Sing " <u>Ten Little Cookies</u> "	TALK Talk about what you need to make your favorite dessert	READ Read a book that features a dessert	WRITE Draw a picture of a dessert you would like to eat!	PLAY Make a dessert with a grownup	Book of the week: <i><u>Rude Cakes</u></i> by <u>Rowboat Watkins</u>
This week's theme: Turtles	SING Sing the song or say the rhyme " <u>There Was a Little Turtle</u> "	TALK Talk about turtles you've seen or where to find them	READ Read a nonfiction book about turtles, like the book of the week!	WRITE Draw a picture of a turtle family	PLAY Pretend you are a turtle!	Book of the week: <i><u>Turtles</u></i> by <u>Cari Meister</u>



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EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER

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<p>This week's theme: Clothing</p>	<p>SING Sing "<u>My Silly Hat</u>"</p>	<p>TALK Talk about what clothes you wear in different weather</p>	<p>READ Read a story about getting dressed</p>	<p>WRITE Draw a picture of yourself in your favorite outfit</p>	<p>PLAY Play dress up with some crazy clothes</p>	<p>Book of the week: <i><u>Ella Sarah Gets Dressed</u></i> by <u>Margaret Chodos-Irvine</u></p>
<p>This week's theme: School and Day Care</p>	<p>SING Sing "<u>Mary Had a Little Lamb</u>"</p>	<p>TALK Talk about your new school or day care routine</p>	<p>READ Read a picture book that is set in a school or day care</p>	<p>WRITE Draw a picture of yourself and a friend from school or day care</p>	<p>PLAY Pretend you're in school or day care with a sibling or caregiver</p>	<p>Book of the week: <i><u>We Don't Eat Our Classmates</u></i> by <u>Ryan T. Higgins</u></p>
<p>This week's theme: Gardens</p>	<p>SING Sing "<u>Grow, Grow, Grow</u>"</p>	<p>TALK Talk about what grows in a garden</p>	<p>READ Read a story that has pictures of a garden</p>	<p>WRITE Draw a picture of your favorite flower or vegetable</p>	<p>PLAY Help a grownup plant something or pretend to make your own garden</p>	<p>Book of the week: <i><u>The Ugly Vegetables</u></i> by <u>Grace Lin</u></p>
<p>This week's theme: Rabbits</p>	<p>SING Sing "<u>Little Bunny Foo Foo</u>"</p>	<p>TALK Talk about what rabbits eat</p>	<p>READ Read a nonfiction book about rabbits</p>	<p>WRITE Draw a picture of a rabbit you've seen in person or in a book</p>	<p>PLAY Hop around and pretend to be a bunny!</p>	<p>Book of the week: <i><u>Rabbits</u></i> by <u>Cari Meister</u></p>
<p>This week's theme: Farms</p>	<p>SING Sing "<u>Old MacDonald Had a Farm</u>"</p>	<p>TALK Talk about which animals live on a farm</p>	<p>READ Read a story that takes place on a farm</p>	<p>WRITE Draw a picture of a farm animal</p>	<p>PLAY Pretend you are a farmer or a farm animal</p>	<p>Book of the week: <i><u>Pete the Cat: Old MacDonald Had a Farm</u></i> by <u>James Dean</u></p>



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This week's theme: Farms	SING Sing " <u>Old MacDonald Had a Farm</u> "	TALK Talk about which animals live on a farm	READ Read a story that takes place on a farm	WRITE Draw a picture of a farm animal	PLAY Pretend you are a farmer or a farm animal	Book of the week: <i><u>Pete the Cat: Old MacDonald Had a Farm</u> by James Dean</i>
This week's theme: Stuffed Animals	SING Sing " <u>Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Turn Around</u> "	TALK Talk about your stuffed animal's favorite activity	READ Read a story to or with your stuffed animal	WRITE Draw a picture of you and your stuffed animal	PLAY Pretend you are teaching your stuffed animal at school	Book of the week: <i><u>Knuffle Bunny</u> by Mo Willems</i>
This week's theme: Family	SING Sing " <u>The More We Get Together</u> "	TALK Talk about a place that is special to your family	READ Read a story about a family that is different from yours	WRITE Draw a picture of your whole family- include pets!	PLAY Play hide and go seek with your family	Book of the week: <i><u>Fry Bread</u> by Noble Maillard</i>
This week's theme: Autumn/Fall	SING Sing " <u>The Leaves on the Trees</u> "	TALK Talk about why leaves change colors	READ Read a book that takes place during autumn	WRITE Draw a picture of your favorite fall activity	PLAY Play tag in the crisp autumn air!	Book of the week: <i><u>Amazing Autumn</u> by Jennifer Walters</i>
This week's theme: Halloween	SING Sing the " <u>Pumpkin Chant</u> "	TALK Talk about your favorite Halloween tradition	READ Read a spooky story with a friend	WRITE Draw a picture of a scary (or nice!) monster	PLAY Play a game while wearing a costume	Book of the week: <i><u>Gustavo, the Shy Ghost</u> by Flavia Drago</i>



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This week's theme: Mail	SING Sing " <u>The Wheels on the Bus</u> "	TALK Talk about where the mail goes	READ Read a story that features a mailed letter	WRITE Draw a picture and mail it to a friend	PLAY Play "I Spy" around the house	Book of the week: <i><u>Where Does Mail Go?</u> by Charlie Sterling.</i>
This week's theme: Superheroes	SING Sing " <u>Superhero, Superhero Turn Around</u> "	TALK Talk about a real-life superhero you know	READ Read a book about a kid superhero	WRITE Draw a picture of your favorite superhero	PLAY Wear a superhero cape while you play	Book of the week: <i><u>Elmer and Super El</u> by David McKee</i>
This week's theme: Turkeys	SING Sing " <u>The Turkey Hokey Pokey</u> "	TALK Talk about a time you saw a turkey in Brookline!	READ Read a book featuring a turkey	WRITE Make a paper turkey by tracing your hand	PLAY Play "Freeze Dance" to your favorite music	Book of the week: <i><u>Wild Turkeys</u> by Kristin Schuetz</i>
This week's theme: Thankfulness	SING Sing " <u>If You're Thankful and You Know It</u> "	TALK Talk about things you are thankful for	READ Read a story where a character says "thank you!"	WRITE Draw a picture of a person you are thankful for	PLAY Play any game with people in your household	Book of the week: <i><u>Thank You, Omu!</u> by Oge Mora</i>
This week's theme: Weather	SING Sing " <u>What's the Weather</u> "	TALK Talk about the weather you see outside today	READ Read a story with a clear sign of weather on the cover	WRITE Draw a picture of either a stormy or a sunny day	PLAY Build a fort that would withstand a storm!	Book of the week: <i><u>Rain!</u> by Linda Ashman</i>



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<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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