### DECEMBER 2021

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

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<td>Make a winter card to send to someone special. Who will you send it to? Use a stamp and post the letter in a mailbox.</td>
<td>Make an indoor fort with sheets and furniture. Cuddle together and read favorite books.</td>
<td>Talk about family traditions you'll celebrate this month. Look at photos from previous years and talk about things you will do again this year.</td>
<td>Change the way you sing a familiar song. Sing it faster or slower. Change up the words.</td>
<td>Weigh your child and write it here _______ . Compare it to January and June.</td>
<td>Read books about different holidays and how people celebrate them.</td>
<td>Draw a circle, square, triangle, and rectangle, and have your child color them in. Talk about shapes and point them out today.</td>
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<td>Pretend to be an animal that likes cold weather. Who will you be?</td>
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<td>Talk about your feelings. What made you happy today?</td>
<td>Sing &quot;The Frost Song.&quot; (Words are on the back [morning].)</td>
<td>Measure your child's height and mark it here _______. Compare it to January and June.</td>
<td>Read a fiction and nonfiction book about winter. Your library has many to choose from!</td>
<td>Have each family member write one thing they liked about this week. Have your child decorate the paper.</td>
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<td>Trace a variety of different objects on a piece of paper. Match the objects to their shapes.</td>
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<td>At mealtimes, talk about the food you are preparing, what tools you are using, how you are making it, and how it will taste.</td>
<td>Recite &quot;Three Little Kittens.&quot; (Words are on the back [morning].)</td>
<td>Name three things that are white like snow.</td>
<td>Be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading a book, magazine, or newspaper.</td>
<td>Pick one color and only use that to cover a whole page with scribbles and pictures.</td>
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<td>Use play dough or cloud dough to make a snowman.</td>
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<td>Talk about the seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.</td>
<td>Sing &quot;Cold and Snowy Morning.&quot; (Words are on the back [morning].)</td>
<td>Name three things that are white like snow.</td>
<td>Write letters on strips of paper, add them to a container and have your child draw one. Use that letter as the letter of the day. Spend the day finding the letter.</td>
<td>With your child, write a list of things you plan to do in 2022.</td>
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<td>Talk about favorite things that happened in 2020.</td>
<td>Sing nonsense words to a familiar tune. Sha la la. Doo bee doo bee do bee do wop bop, etc.</td>
<td>Work together to put a stack of children's books in order from largest to smallest.</td>
<td>Snuggle together and read a book of nursery rhymes. The library can help you find one.</td>
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- We have books to read together, music to borrow, places where you can write, places to play and learn, and programs for all ages.

**Books to Read this Month**

**FOR READERS AGES 0-3**

*Who? A Celebration of Babies*
*by Robie Harris*

*Baby Beluga board book*
*by Raffi*

**FOR READERS AGES 3+**

*Stars*
*by Mary Lyn Ray*

*This is Not My Hat*
*by Jon Klassen*

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**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? Your 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.

**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
This is the way we put on our mittens
On a cold and snowy morning

This is the way we put on our coats
Put on our coats
This is the way we put on our coats
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This is the way we build a snowman
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