

# January 2024 Early Learning Calendar

Encourage a love of learning in your child by doing one fun activity each day. Visit [griver.org](http://griver.org) or your local library for more ideas, books and programs to do with your child.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <p><b>Read</b> <sup>1</sup></p> <p>On New Year's Day, read <u>How to Party Like a Snail</u> by Naseem Hrab.</p>	 <p><b>Play</b> <sup>2</sup></p> <p>Make a snow person out of cotton balls and glue.</p>	 <p><b>Talk</b> <sup>3</sup></p> <p>How many words can you name that rhyme with "year"?</p>	 <p><b>Count</b> <sup>4</sup></p> <p>Find and count five blue things in your house.</p>	 <p><b>Explore</b> <sup>5</sup></p> <p>Put some objects in a small bag. Invite a friend to reach inside and guess what they are.</p>	 <p><b>Move</b> <sup>6</sup></p> <p>When you get up today, hop to the kitchen for breakfast.</p>
 <p><b>Explore</b> <sup>7</sup></p> <p>Blow through a straw: can you move a cotton ball across the table?</p>	 <p><b>Talk</b> <sup>8</sup></p> <p>Tell a grown-up what you love best about YOU!</p>	 <p><b>Play</b> <sup>9</sup></p> <p>Pretend it is summer. Lie on a beach towel and read a book.</p>	 <p><b>Move</b> <sup>10</sup></p> <p>Do the actions as you sing the song, "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes."</p>	 <p><b>Talk</b> <sup>11</sup></p> <p>As you clean your room, use words like "above," "below," and "behind."</p>	 <p><sup>12</sup></p> <p>Visit your library today. Ask the librarian about 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.</p>	 <p><b>Count</b> <sup>13</sup></p> <p>Go outside with a friend and count how many snowballs you can make.</p>
 <p><b>Move</b> <sup>14</sup></p> <p>Dance with someone you love.</p>	 <p><b>Read</b> <sup>15</sup></p> <p>Read, <u>We March</u> by Shane Evans to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.</p>	 <p><b>Read</b> <sup>16</sup></p> <p>Read the book, <u>In Every Life</u> or another title by Marla Frazee to celebrate her birthday.</p>	 <p><b>Play</b> <sup>17</sup></p> <p>Play "Follow the Leader" with a friend. Take turns leading.</p>	 <p><b>Count</b> <sup>18</sup></p> <p>Count out your snack today. How many pieces do you have?</p>	 <p><b>Move</b> <sup>19</sup></p> <p>Touch your nose; then touch your toes. Repeat this 10 times.</p>	 <p><b>Read</b> <sup>20</sup></p> <p>Read a story about the character Fly Guy to celebrate creator Tedd Arnold's birthday.</p>
 <p><b>Explore</b> <sup>21</sup></p> <p>Go outside and take notice of the weather. Is it sunny? Cold? Windy?</p>	 <p><b>Talk</b> <sup>22</sup></p> <p>Tell a friend or sibling: What is your favorite kind of soup?</p>	 <p><b>Move</b> <sup>23</sup></p> <p>Scribble with white crayon on blue paper to make a snowy scene.</p>	 <p><b>Play</b> <sup>24</sup></p> <p>Pretend you are a bear. How would you move? How would you sound?</p>	 <p><b>Read</b> <sup>25</sup></p> <p>As you listen to your bedtime story, talk about what happens first, next and last.</p>	 <p><b>Count</b> <sup>26</sup></p> <p>Help a grown-up make popcorn and practice counting the pieces.</p>	 <p><sup>27</sup></p> <p>Visit your library today. Count the number of books you check out.</p>
 <p><b>Explore</b> <sup>28</sup></p> <p>Go outside and explore clean snow with all five senses: touch, taste, listen, smell, see.</p>	 <p><b>Count</b> <sup>29</sup></p> <p>Use a ruler to measure things at your house. Which object is tallest? Which is shortest?</p>	 <p><b>Play</b> <sup>30</sup></p> <p>What can you make with crayons, stickers and a paper lunch bag?</p>	 <p><b>Talk</b> <sup>31</sup></p> <p>What is one new thing you would like to learn this year?</p>	 <p>Every Child Ready to Read® is a project of the Association for Library Service to Children and the Public Library Association, divisions of the American Library Association.</p>		

# January Booklist:

 <p><b>How to Party Like a Snail</b> by Naseem Hrab</p>	 <p><b>There's a Bear in Your Book</b> by Tom Fletcher</p>
 <p><b>In Every Life</b> by Marla Frazee</p>	 <p><b>Boys Don't Fry</b> by Kimberly Lee</p>
 <p><b>Fly Guy's Big Family</b> by Tedd Arnold</p>	 <p><b>Stay My Baby</b> by Lana Button (board book)</p>
 <p><b>We March</b> by Shane Evans</p>	 <p><b>My Hair Is Like the Sun</b> by St. Clair Detrick-Jules (board book)</p>

# January Songs/Rhymes:

## Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

*Point to each part of your body as you sing the song!*

Head, shoulders, knees and toes,  
Knees and toes.

Head, shoulders, knees and toes,  
Knees and toes.

Eyes and ears and mouth and nose,  
Head, shoulders, knees and toes!



*\*Find this song on these recordings:*

Sing-Along Songs for Children (Kit J782.42 Sin)

VeggieTales: 25 Favorite Action Songs (Music CD Children Twe)

The Wheels on the Bus Go Round the World (Music CD Children Whe)

## Five Little Snowpals

*Count on your fingers as you say this fun rhyme!*

Five little snowpals round and fat.      *hold up five fingers*

Each one wearing a funny hat.              *point to head*

In the morning out came the sun.          *make circle with arms*

It looked down and melted one.           *put down one finger*

*repeat with 4... 3... 2... 1...*

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