December 2025 Early Learning Calendar

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	37 COUNTS	Play	Talk 3	Explore 4	Read	Move?
	Measure the ingredients as you help a grown-up bake cookies.	Pretend you are a mouse. How would you move? How would you sound?	Name at least five words that start with the /d/ sound.	Stay silent for 30 seconds as you listen to the sounds in your house.	Choose a book for you to read to your grown-up at bedtime.	Can you do jumping jacks for one minute without stopping?
Play 7	Talk 8	Read	Explore 10	Move? 11	12	Read
Ask a grown-up for a large box. What can you make it become?	Tell a friend about your favorite kind of cookie.	Read <u>Bad Kitty</u> or another book by Nick Bruel to celebrate the author's birthday.	Find things in your house that feel SMOOTH and ROUGH.	On National Stretching Day, reach your arms up as high as you can.	Visit your library today. Are you registered for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?	Turn out the lights and read a book by candle light or night light.
Explore 14	37 COUNT 5 15	Play 16	Talk 17	Move? 18	Explore 19	47 COUNT 5
Toss a cotton ball and a rubber ball in the air. Which will land first? Why?	Count the number of hats in your house.	Pretend you are giving gifts to your stuffed animals. Find things in your house to wrap up!	Talk with your grown-up about ways you can help out your neighbors.	Work those finger muscles: scribble with yellow crayon on a star shape.	Build a play city out of boxes and blocks. What will you name it?	Make up your own game with a deck of playing cards.
Play	Read	Read	Talk 24	Play	37 COUNT 5 26	27
Winter Solstice is also Flashlight Day! Turn out the lights and look around with a flashlight.	In honor of Jerry Pinkney's birthday, read his version of The Little Mermaid.	Welcome winter by reading <u>The Snowy Day</u> by Ezra Jack Keats.	Name words that rhyme with "star."	Turn off the TV today. Play games with your family and wear your pajamas all day!	Find and count five red things in your house.	Visit your library today. Ask about their library events.
Explore 28	Move? 29	Play	37 COUNT 5	E	very CHKLD	•
Scatter birdseed outside, and watch the	March in place while singing your	Have an indoor snowball fight with balls	Count backwards from 10 to 1 (at noon)	Ready to READ © your library Every Child Ready to Read® is a project of the Association for		

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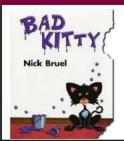
New Year's Eve.

of paper or white socks.

birds that come to eat.

favorite song.

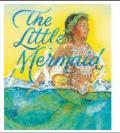
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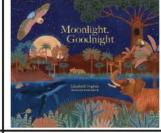
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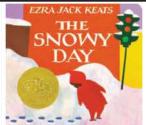
Snuggle Season by Jaimie MacGibbon



The Little Mermaid by Jerry Pinkney



Moonlight, Goodnight by Elisabeth Sophia



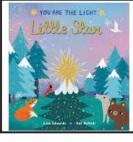
The Snowy
Day
by
Ezra Jack
Keats



Winter Light by Aaron Becker (board book)



Winter
Solstice Wish
by
Kate Allen Fox



Little Star by Lisa Edwards (board book)

December Songs/Rhymes:

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Traditional. While singing, wiggle fingers as though twinkling.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,

How I wonder what you are.

Up above the world so high,

Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,

How I wonder what you are!

Five Little Mice

Count along on your fingers as you say the rhyme.

Five little mice went out to play

Gathering crumbs along the way.

Out comes a kitty cat, sleek and fat – snatch!

Four little mice went scampering back.

Repeat with four mice and continue down to one.



Great River Regional Library 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Is your child registered for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten? Help your little one get ready to read by reading 1000 books before entering kindergarten! You'll build early learning skills while bonding with your child; it's a win-win! Sign up through our Beanstack site, www.griver.beanstack.org, or the Beanstack Tracker app. Or, sign up at your local library and find out how they award small prizes.