

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 Count ¹ Measure the ingredients as you help a grown-up bake cookies.	 Play ² Pretend you are a mouse. How would you move? How would you sound?	 Talk ³ Name at least five words that start with the /d/ sound.	 Explore ⁴ Stay silent for 30 seconds as you listen to the sounds in your house.	 Read ⁵ Choose a book for you to read to your grown-up at bedtime.	 Move ⁶ Can you do jumping jacks for one minute without stopping?
 Play ⁷ Ask a grown-up for a large box. What can you make it become?	 Talk ⁸ Tell a friend about your favorite kind of cookie.	 Read ⁹ Read <i>Bad Kitty</i> or another book by Nick Bruel to celebrate the author's birthday.	 Explore ¹⁰ Find things in your house that feel SMOOTH and ROUGH.	 Move ¹¹ On National Stretching Day, reach your arms up as high as you can.	 ¹² Visit your library today. Are you registered for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?	 Read ¹³ Turn out the lights and read a book by candle light or night light.
 Explore ¹⁴ Toss a cotton ball and a rubber ball in the air. Which will land first? Why?	 Count ¹⁵ Count the number of hats in your house.	 Play ¹⁶ Pretend you are giving gifts to your stuffed animals. Find things in your house to wrap up!	 Talk ¹⁷ Talk with your grown-up about ways you can help out your neighbors.	 Move ¹⁸ Work those finger muscles: scribble with yellow crayon on a star shape.	 Explore ¹⁹ Build a play city out of boxes and blocks. What will you name it?	 Count ²⁰ Make up your own game with a deck of playing cards.
 Play ²¹ Winter Solstice is also Flashlight Day! Turn out the lights and look around with a flashlight.	 Read ²² In honor of Jerry Pinkney's birthday, read his version of <i>The Little Mermaid</i> .	 Read ²³ Welcome winter by reading <i>The Snowy Day</i> by Ezra Jack Keats.	 Talk ²⁴ Name words that rhyme with "star."	 Play ²⁵ Turn off the TV today. Play games with your family and wear your pajamas all day!	 Count ²⁶ Find and count five red things in your house.	 ²⁷ Visit your library today. Ask about their library events.
 Explore ²⁸ Scatter birdseed outside, and watch the birds that come to eat.	 Move ²⁹ March in place while singing your favorite song.	 Play ³⁰ Have an indoor snowball fight with balls of paper or white socks.	 Count ³¹ Count backwards from 10 to 1 (at noon) to celebrate New Year's Eve.	 <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>		

December Booklist:

	Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel		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.



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