

January 2025 Early Learning Calendar

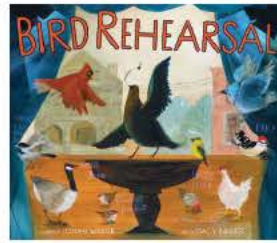
Encourage a love of learning in your child by doing one fun activity each day. Visit griver.org or your local library for more ideas, books and programs to do with your child.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  <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> | |  1 Celebrate the first day of 2025 by marching around your house. |  2 Talk about words that rhyme with "new" and "year." |  3 Find and count five blue things in your house. |  4 Crush recycled pieces of paper, and toss them like snowballs. | |
|  5 On National Bird Day, pretend you are a bird, and flap your wings! |  6 What are three things you can do ONLY in the winter? |  7 Make a sensory box with cotton balls for snow. Add scoops, cups and tongs. |  8 Walk around your house holding a cup. Find objects that are SMALLER or BIGGER. |  9 Use white chalk on black paper to make a snowy night scene. |  10 Read, <i>In the Winter</i> by Lauren Kukla to celebrate the season. |  11 Visit your library today. Borrow a book about your favorite animal. |
|  12 Pretend you are a librarian. Gather books and pretend to check them out to your family. |  13 Go outside and look for signs of winter. |  14 Make three small snowballs and three large snowballs. How many snowballs do you have? |  15 Hop on one foot while holding a friend's hand for support. |  16 Celebrate author and illustrator Marla Frazee's birthday by reading, <i>In Every Life</i> . |  17 Name as many words as you can that begin with the /p/ sound. |  18 Ask a grown-up to heat milk on the stove. Add chocolate chips and talk about what happens. |
|  19 On National Popcorn Day, count out the same number of pieces for you and a friend. |  20 Pretend you are a wolf. How would you move? How would you sound? |  21 Scribble with crayons on a mitten shape. |  22 Tell a story to someone you love over the phone. |  23 Go outside and run through the snow as fast as you can. |  24 Visit your library today. |  25 Read, <i>Big Gorilla: A book of Opposites</i> by Anthony Browne on National Opposite Day. |
|  26 Have a TV turn-off day and spend the day playing games. |  27 Use old, stray mittens to make puppets. |  28 What are three things you CANNOT do in the winter? |  29 Use all five senses to explore snow: taste, touch, see, smell and hear. |  30 Go outside and use a stick to draw numbers and shapes. |  31 Read, <i>5 Little Ducks</i> by Denise Fleming to celebrate the author's birthday. | |

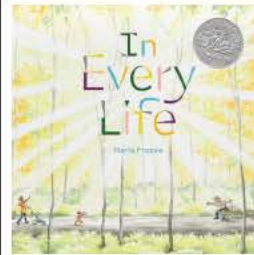
January Booklist:



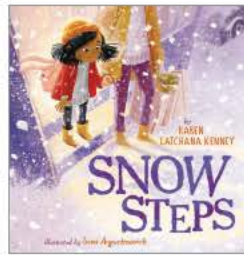
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by
Lauren Kukla



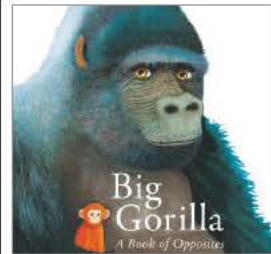
Bird Rehearsal
by
Jonah Winter



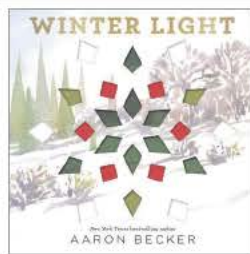
In Every Life
by
Marla Frazee



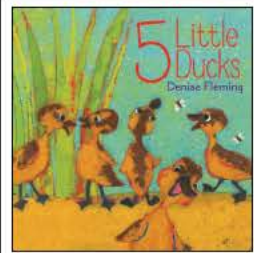
Snow Steps
by
Karen Latchana Kenney



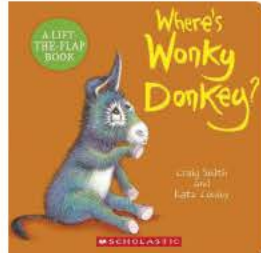
Big Gorilla: A Book of Opposites
by Anthony Browne



Winter Light
by
Aaron Becker
(board book)



5 Little Ducks
by
Denise Fleming



Where's Wonky Donkey?
by
Craig Smith
(board book)

January Songs/Rhymes:

Snowflakes

(sung to: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Snowflakes, snowflakes whirl around.
Snowflakes, snowflakes touch the ground.
Snowflakes, snowflakes in the air.
Snowflakes, snowflakes everywhere.
Snowflakes, snowflakes whirl around.
Snowflakes, snowflakes touch the ground.

Jack Be Nimble

Traditional version

Jack be nimble,
Jack be quick.
Jack, jump over the candlestick!

Use this as a game, with children taking turns jumping over an imaginary candle. Use each child's name as they jump.



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