

# February 2026

## Early Learning Calendar



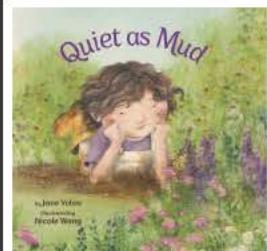
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>1</b> <b>Move</b> March in place for one minute with your grown-up.	 <b>2</b> <b>Count</b> Find and count five red things in your house.	 <b>3</b> <b>Read</b> Read a book in your favorite cozy spot.	 <b>4</b> <b>Play</b> Scribble with red crayon on a heart shape.	 <b>5</b> <b>Talk</b> Name words that begin with the /f/ sound.	 <b>6</b> <b>Explore</b> Touch and taste a bit of sugar and salt. How are they alike? How are they different?	 <b>7</b> <b>Read</b> Ask your grown-up to whisper as they read your bedtime story.
 <b>8</b> <b>Play</b> Play Hide and Seek with a friend or sibling.	 <b>9</b> <b>Move</b> Sing and do the actions for the song, "Row, Row Your Boat."	 <b>10</b> <b>Count</b> Practice matching all of your socks.	 <b>11</b> <b>Read</b> Read <i>Quiet as Mud</i> or another of Jane Yolen's many books to celebrate her birthday.	 <b>12</b> <b>Explore</b> Learn more about your favorite animal. Borrow library books or search online.	 <b>13</b> Visit your library today. Check out a book about animals.	 <b>14</b> <b>Talk</b> Tell your grown-up what you love about them on Valentine's Day.
 <b>15</b> <b>Read</b> Ask your grown-up to turn on captions when watching TV so you can see the words!	 <b>16</b> <b>Play</b> Go outside and make shapes in the snow with your hands and feet.	 <b>17</b> <b>Read</b> On Random Acts of Kindness Day, read <i>You Can Sit With Me</i> by Rachel Tawil Kenyon.	 <b>18</b> <b>Count</b> Gather your stuffed animals and arrange them from smallest to biggest.	 <b>19</b> <b>Play</b> Pretend you are a penguin. How would you move? Where would you live?	 <b>20</b> <b>Move</b> Can you use your body to form the first letter of your name?	 <b>21</b> Visit your library today.
 <b>22</b> <b>Talk</b> How many words can you name that rhyme with "red"?	 <b>23</b> <b>Explore</b> How many different sounds can you make using your hands?	 <b>24</b> <b>Move</b> Clap your hands as loudly as you can. Then clap them as quietly as you can.	 <b>25</b> <b>Play</b> Go outside to play in the snow.	 <b>26</b> <b>Count</b> Count the number of chairs in your house.	 <b>27</b> <b>Explore</b> Practice your scissors skills by cutting coffee filters.	 <b>28</b> <b>Talk</b> Tell a friend or sibling about your favorite breakfast food.

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.

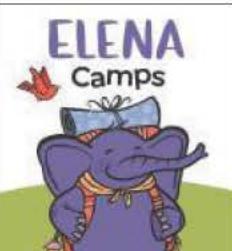
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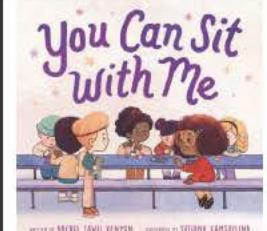
## February Booklist:



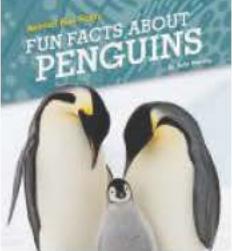
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Jane Yolen



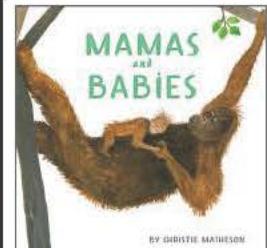
Elena Camps  
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Juana Medina



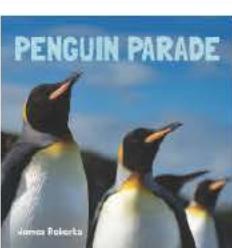
You Can Sit With Me  
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Rachel Tawil Kenyon



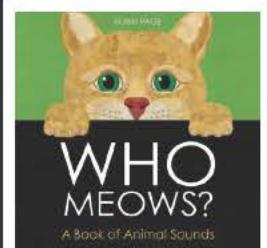
Fun Facts About Penguins  
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Julie Murray



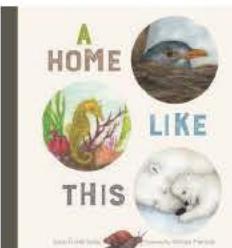
Mamas and Babies  
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Christie Matheson



Penguin Parade  
by  
James Roberts  
(board book)



Who Meows?:  
A Book of Animal Sounds  
by  
Robin Page



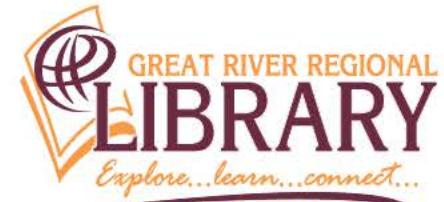
A Home Like This  
by  
Laura Purdie Salas  
(board book)

## February Songs/Rhymes:

### Row, Row, Row Your Boat

*Sit on the floor facing a friend. Hold hands as you "row" with your arms back and forth.*

Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently down the stream.  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily;  
Life is but a dream!



*\*Find this song on these recordings:*

Camp Songs by Ella Jenkins (Music CD Children Jen)  
50 Sing-Along Songs (Music CD Children Fif)  
Songs for Wiggleworms (Music CD Children Son)

### Two Little Hands

*Do the actions as you say the rhyme.*

Two little hands go clap, clap, clap.  
Two feet little feet go tap, tap, tap.  
Two little legs go jump, jump, jump.  
Two little hips go bump, bump, bump.  
One little body turns around.  
One little body sits right down!

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