

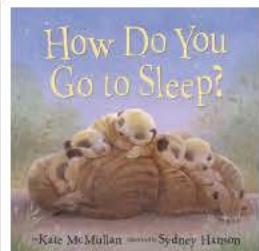
January 2026

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
	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.			 Play Mitten Match by matching and counting pairs of mittens.	Play Use toy trucks to plow pretend snow. Use cotton balls or salt.	Read Use toothpicks to form shapes and letters.
 4	 5	 6	 7	 8	 9	 10
What is one new thing you would like to learn this year?	On National Bird Day, make as many bird sounds as you know.	Touch your nose; then touch your toes. Repeat this 10 times.	Tell a grown-up what you love best about YOU!	Use wooden spoons as rhythm sticks. Tap out a beat!	Help a grown-up cook soup: measure and count the ingredients.	Visit your library today. Say hello to the librarian.
 11	 12	 13	 14	 15	 16	 17
Freeze small toys in ice cubes. Then use salt to melt and rescue them!	Lie on a beach towel and read a book indoors.	Hide toys around the room and give a friend clues to find them.	Tell a friend or sibling: what is your favorite kind of soup?	Scribble with white crayon on blue paper to make a snowy scene.	Read <u>How Do You Go to Sleep?</u> by Kate McMullan to celebrate the author's birthday.	Make snowballs, either real or with crushed paper. Then count them as you throw them.
 18	 19	 20	 21	 22	 23	 24
Name words that rhyme with "snow."	What can you make with crayons, stickers and a paper plate?	Go outside and explore snow with all five senses: touch, taste, listen, smell, see.	On Squirrel Appreciation Day, read <u>Gray Squirrel Loses It!</u> by Cassandra Federman.	Make hot cocoa with a grown-up and count the marshmallows you use.	Visit your library today. Count the number of books you check out.	Dance with someone you love.
 25	 26	 27	 28	 29	 30	 31
As you put away toys use words like "above," "below," and "behind."	Find and count five blue things in your house.	Play "Follow the Leader" with a friend. Take turns leading.	Use a ruler to measure things in your house. Which object is tallest and shortest?	Celebrate the birthday of author Rosemary Wells by reading a book she wrote.	Do the actions as you sing the song, "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes."	Go outside and describe the weather. Is it sunny? Cold? Windy?

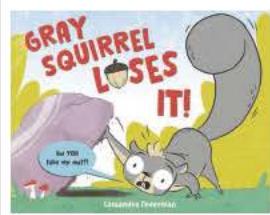
January Booklist:



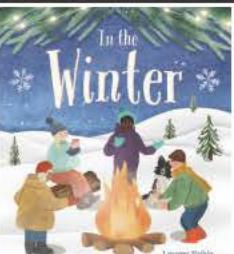
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by
Kate McMullan



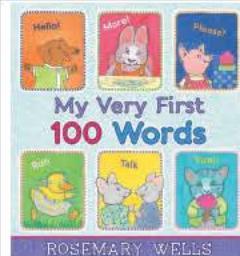
Ty's Travels:
Super Ty!
by
Kelly Starling Lyons



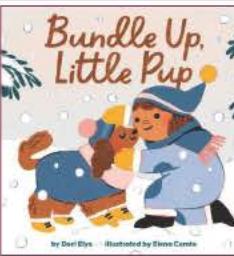
Gray Squirrel Loses It!
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Cassandra Federman



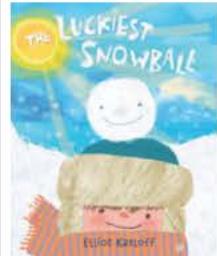
In the Winter
by
Lauren Kukla



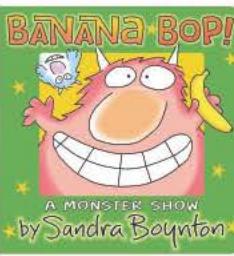
My Very First
100 Words
by
Rosemary Wells



Bundle Up,
Little Pup
by
Dori Elys
(board book)



The Luckiest
Snowball
by
Elliot Kreloff



Banana
Bop!
by
Sandra
Boynton
(board book)

January Songs/Rhymes:

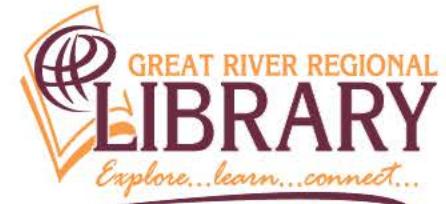
Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

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 the 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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