



# PRE-LITERACY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

# DECEMBER 2025



Read



Sing



Play



Write



Talk

Prepare your child to read & write with one fun, easy activity each day!

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1

Look around for things that start with "D" (for December)!

2

Clap or count the syllables in these words:  
1) Snow 2) Winter  
3) December

3

Snow is white! What are your favorite white things? Eat some white foods today!

4

**National Sock Day**  
Match pairs and talk about shapes, colors, and textures.

5

**Bathtub Party Day**  
Bring measuring cups or spoons into the bath and practice measuring.

6

Pick 5 toys and tell a simple, silly story using the toys as inspiration.

7

Take a walk outside and listen to the sounds. Try to name what you hear.

8

Make a cozy reading corner with pillows, blankets, and a flashlight.

9

Pour flour in a tray or cookie sheet and write letters or numbers in it with a finger.

10

Visit a [SCCLD Play Space](#) and play "I Spy with My Little Eye."

11

How old are you? Read that number of books together today!

12

Play "Freeze Dance" to your favorite song. Freeze each time the music stops!

13

**National Cocoa Day**  
Make a mug of cocoa together. Discuss the steps and ingredients.

14

Find something *cold* and something *hot* in a [SCCLD Play Space](#).

15

Sing the ABCs in different ways. Try loud, quiet, deep, high, robot, fast, slow, etc.

16

Talk about temperature. What are some things that are:  
Hot? Cold? Warm? Freezing?

17

Have fun with metaphors! Say "I'm cold like..." (a penguin, ice, snow, lemonade, etc.)

18

Make a holiday or winter wishes card for a friend, neighbor or family member.

19

Make shadow puppets on the wall with a flashlight. Tell a story about the shadows!

20

Find something *fast* and something *slow* in a [SCCLD Play Space](#).

21

**First Day of Winter!**  
Make paper snowflakes, or have a "snowball" fight with cotton balls or crumpled paper.

22

Build a sleigh out of boxes, cushions, or blankets. Visit the "snow"!

23

Put different colored papers on the floor. Find items of each color and place them on the matching paper.

24

Do the "Winter Pokey"! Put your mittens, snow hat, boots, jacket, etc., in and out!

25

**Tune: Frère Jacques**  
In the winter, (sing 2x)  
It gets cold, (2x)  
(*hug yourself*)  
Tiny snowflakes falling, (2x)  
(*wiggle fingers down*)  
Round and round, (turn around)  
To the ground!  
(*touch the ground*)

26

Draw faces on your fingers to turn them into puppets and tell a story.

27

Look for patterns or make a pattern with items you have.

28

**National Card Playing Day**  
Play a card game, count cards, or talk about the cards.

29

Clap the syllables of words you see in a [SCCLD Play Space](#).

30

Talk or read about taste buds. Taste something sweet, salty, sour and bitter.

31

**New Year's Eve!**  
March around to music while banging pots and pans to celebrate!

**Visit a Storybook SCCLD Play Space!**

**NOW OPEN:**

**Cupertino Library**  
**Gilroy Library**  
**Milpitas Library**

**Morgan Hill Library**  
**Saratoga Library**



# FIVE PRE-LITERACY PRACTICES

THAT HELP YOUR CHILD GET READY TO READ:

Read



Model a love of reading. Cuddle up together with a book at bedtime, or anytime. Keep books everywhere: in the car, stroller, and bathroom. Most kids who have been read 1,000 books by the time they start Kindergarten are ready to learn to read.

Sing



Sing every chance you get. Singing slows down language and helps children hear the smaller sounds in words. Songs expose children to words they don't hear in everyday language. This vocabulary boost helps them when they learn to read.

Play



Play is the “work” of children. Pretend play builds vocabulary, stretches the imagination, and nurtures pre-reading skills. Symbolic play (This box is a car! A boat! A train!) is the same type of thinking that will allow them to understand that a picture or the written word represents a real thing.

Write



Play with a variety of writing tools - color, draw, scribble, and write with crayons, chalk, or sticks. Writing activities help children understand that print has meaning. Developing fine motor skills prepares children for writing.

Talk



Even newborns benefit from lots of talking. Tell stories, talk about the books you read, use new words, and start conversations with children. Ask open-ended questions, allowing plenty of time to think and answer.

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