### JANUARY 2024
Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

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<td><strong>WRITING</strong></td>
<td>Draw the numbers 2024 and color them with your child. Talk about the upcoming year.</td>
<td><strong>PLAYING</strong></td>
<td>Play &quot;Riddle Me.&quot; Take turns offering riddles. I'm white and fluffy and float in the sky. I can be gray when it rains. What am I? Yes! Clouds!</td>
<td><strong>TALKING</strong></td>
<td>Tell your child about winter weather and how cold it can be in some places. Is your area cold or mild? Share your favorite thing about winter.</td>
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<td><strong>WRITING</strong></td>
<td>With your child write down (and talk about) important dates on a 2024 calendar.</td>
<td><strong>PLAYING</strong></td>
<td>Create an obstacle course and give your child directions. Go around the chair, go over the book, pick up the spoon, turn around and come back.</td>
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<td>Talk about colors. Ask your child what their favorite color is and share what your favorite color is. Talk about things that are those colors.</td>
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<td><strong>14</strong></td>
<td><strong>PLAYING</strong></td>
<td>Play &quot;Follow the Leader.&quot; Do things and ask your child to do the same. Touch your head, turn around, sit down, stand up again!</td>
<td><strong>TALKING</strong></td>
<td>Talk about food. Which food do you each think is the most delicious? What do you want to eat for dinner?</td>
<td><strong>SINGING</strong></td>
<td>Sing or say &quot;Five Little Snowmen.&quot; (Words are on the back. 🎵)</td>
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<td><strong>21</strong></td>
<td><strong>TALKING</strong></td>
<td>Help your child place ice cubes in various places inside your home. Talk about which melts first.</td>
<td><strong>SINGING</strong></td>
<td>Make up silly songs about everyday activities. This is the way we brush our teeth, brush our teeth, brush our teeth, to make them very clean!</td>
<td><strong>COUNTING</strong></td>
<td>Count snacks. How many crackers are there?</td>
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<td><strong>SINGING</strong></td>
<td>Sing or say &quot;Hickory Dickory Dock.&quot; (Words are on the back. 🎵)</td>
<td><strong>COUNTING</strong></td>
<td>Measure your feet day! Line up all the family’s shoes and boots. Whose are the biggest? The smallest?</td>
<td><strong>READING</strong></td>
<td>Choose a letter of the day. Point out the letter wherever you see it today.</td>
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You have been your child’s teacher from the day he or she was born.

You know more about your child than anyone else, and you are in the best position to help your child get ready to read. Whether your child is four days old or four years old, it is not too early or too late to help him or her develop pre-reading skills. You can help your child learn language and other literacy skills with simple and fun activities like those in this calendar.

**TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR**
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

**HICKORY DICKORY DOCK**
Hickory Dickory Dock,  
The mouse ran up the clock.  
The clock struck one  
And down he run.  
Hickory Dickory Dock  
Tick Tock!

**FIVE LITTLE SNOWMEN**
Five little snowmen standing in a row,  
(Hold up five fingers)  
Each had a hat and a big red bow.  
(Put hands on head and then neck)  
Out came the sun and stayed all day,  
(Circle arms overhead)  
And one little snowman melted away.  
(Slump down)  
REPEAT WITH 4, 3, 2, 1, UNTIL NO SNOWMEN ARE LEFT.

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**FOR READERS AGES 0–3**  
*Grandma and Me* by Carole Boston Weatherford  
*If You Were a Penguin* by Florence Minor

**FOR READERS AGES 3+**  
The Midnight Babies  
by Isabel Greenberg  
Sometimes I Kaploom  
by Rachel Vail

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