

JANUARY 2023

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 DRAWING Draw the numbers 2023 and color them with your child. Talk about the new year.	2 COUNTING How many months are in a year? Use a calendar to count them.	3 PLAYING Have a winter "camp out" indoors. Share stories and a special treat.	4 READING Read <i>The Snowy Day</i> by Ezra Jack Keats.	5 WRITING Think of words that rhyme with snow and write them.	6 READING Set up a reading routine. Read before naps and bedtime.	7 PLAYING Old Rock Day! Celebrate by painting a rock or counting rocks.
8 SINGING Sing along with the picture book version of <i>Walking in a Winter Wonderland</i> .	9 STORYTIME RESUMES Storytime returns! Check the website to register.	10 READING Read <i>We Want Snow: a Wintry Chant!</i> by Jamie Swenson.	11 WRITING Make a grocery list. Trace over the letters of the items on the list.	12 READING Read a book about winter.	13 PLAYING Use recycled items like cans and boxes to create noise makers.	14 SINGING Change the words to a familiar song and sing it.
15 PLAYING National Hat Day! Celebrate and wear a fun hat. Talk about all of the hats that people wear.	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY Talk about what it means to be of service to others. Ask your child what their dream is for a better world.	17 TALKING Play "I Spy" to identify things that are different colors.	18 READING Winnie the Pooh Day! Read a book about Winnie the Pooh.	19 COUNTING National Popcorn Day! Make popcorn together. Count pieces of popcorn.	20 READING Penguin Awareness Day! Read <i>Penguin and Penelope</i> by Salina Yoon.	21 TALKING Go for a walk and talk about the different shapes that you see.
22 TALKING Talk about what you would do on a snowy day.	23 WRITING National Handwriting Day! Practice writing the alphabet.	24 READING Read an eBook through NC Kids Digital Library.	25 PLAYING Make puppets out of paper bags or old socks. Put on a puppet show.	26 SINGING Take turns singing the ABC song. Sing it fast and sing it slow.	27 WRITING Write the word "birthday" on a calendar with your child for each family member.	28 PLAYING National Kazoo Day! Make a kazoo and play it. (Instructions on back. 🎶)
29 COUNTING Share and act out the rhyme "Five Little Snowmen." (Words on back. 🎶)	30 READING Look at wordless picture books. Have your child tell you the story.	31 PLAYING Backward Day! Do things "backward." Wear clothes backward and walk backward.	 <p>Save your spot at Storytime today! Scan QR code, call 704-283-8184 or register at any library location.</p>			



Make a Kazoo

Supplies:

- Cardboard tube
- Wax paper or cling wrap
- Rubber band
- Pencil

Instructions:

- Step 1:** Cover the end of the cardboard tube with wax paper and secure with rubber band
- Step 2:** Use the sharp end of the pencil to poke a hole in the tube
- Step 3:** Put the open end of the tube to your mouth and hum into it
- Step 4:** Decorate

Questions to spark curiosity:

- Why does the kazoo make a sound?
- Does the sound change if you hum different songs?



Source: <https://buggyandbuddy.com/exploring-sound-making-a-kazoo-science-invitation-saturday/>

Five Little Snowmen

Five little snowmen standing in a row,
(Hold up five fingers.)
each with a hat
(Pat head.)
and a big red bow.
(Pull at neck like a bow tie.)
Along came the sun
(Arms form big circle over head.)
and it shone all day.
(Lean to the left.)
And one of those snowmen
melted away.
(Put down one finger.)
Continue rhyme until no snowmen remain.

