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Early Literacy (Read, Write, Sing, Play, and Talk)
 activities you can do at home, school, or the library. For more ideas, visit
<https://www.pinterest.com/elkhornlibrary/activity-calendars/>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>As we start a new year, make a resolution to read, write, sing, play, and talk with your children and students every day. For more ideas and resources, you can visit the library in person or online!</p>			<p>1 SING</p> <p>“De Colores” and learn the names of the colors in Spanish.</p>	<p>2 PLAY</p> <p>with paint.</p>	<p>3 TALK</p> <p>What are the different names for colors? Say words like violet, turquoise, and magenta.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bring it all together and go for a walk outside, looking for all the colors you can see in winter.</p>
<p>5 Word of the week is: Community</p> <p>A community is a group of people who share a home, town, or do things together.</p>	<p>6 READ</p> <p>Wintercake by Lynne Rae Perkins</p>	<p>6 WRITE</p> <p>or draw about a winter tradition.</p>	<p>8 SING</p> <p>A duet with a friend.</p>	<p>9 PLAY</p> <p>a cooperative board game with a friend.</p>	<p>10 TALK</p> <p>about ways you can help your community in your home, school, or city.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bring it all together and write a letter or draw a picture for a person in your community.</p>
<p>12 Word of the week is: Tale</p> <p>A tale is a fancy word for a story.</p>	<p>13 READ</p> <p>I want to read all the books! by Debbie Ridpath Ohi</p>	<p>14 WRITE</p> <p>Draw along with How to draw a brave chicken by Ethan Berlin to practice your fine motor skills.</p>	<p>15 SING</p> <p>A song that tells a story. Jane Cabrera has lots of songs in book form.</p>	<p>16 PLAY</p> <p>Act out a favorite story. Don’t forget to make costumes and use different voices!</p>	<p>17 TALK</p> <p>about the stories your family tells. Do you know a story about yourself?</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Visit the library and play your way through the Land of Stories!</p>
<p>19 Word of the week is: Slide</p> <p>“Can you slide down a slide?”</p>	<p>20 READ</p> <p>Bunny slopes by Claudia Rueda</p>	<p>21 WRITE</p> <p>Use sticks to make patterns in the snow</p>	<p>22 SING</p> <p>or recite the Five little snowmen rhyme</p>	<p>23 PLAY</p> <p>Read Wake up moon by Lita Judge and play outside like the animals do.</p>	<p>24 TALK</p> <p>about how the bunny in the story keeps going even when she falls down.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Go sledding, skiing, or just sliding on the ice or snow.</p>
<p>26 Word of the week is: Catastrophe</p> <p>“It was such a big disaster, it was a catastrophe.”</p>	<p>27 READ</p> <p>Blizzard by John Rocco</p>	<p>28 WRITE</p> <p>Use squirt bottles with food coloring to write or draw in the snow.</p>	<p>29 SING</p> <p>A song that makes you feel warm and cozy.</p>	<p>30 PLAY</p> <p>outside and look for branches, leaves, or other signs of storms.</p>	<p>31 TALK</p> <p>about storms. What is your plan to be safe in a storm? What do animals do in a storm? Where do storms come from?</p>	<p>February 1</p> <p>Bring it all together and make a shelter for animals in a storm. It can be as simple as a brush pile!</p>