



Carthage Public Library District

**Read, Talk, Sing, Write, and Play with your child**

For this age “writing” is anything that develops fine motor skills.

Check off each activity you do. After completing 15, bring the paper into the Library and your child will receive a rubber duck. Complete 15 more that month and your child will receive another duck and a free book. (Maximum 2 ducks and one book per month). The Rubber Ducky Club program will continue year round, with a different activity sheet for each month.

**There are many national “days” in December that are fun to celebrate, but feel free to do them on any day.**

<b>R E A D</b>	Dec. 4 is National Cookie Day. Read “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” by Laura Numeroff.	Dec. 5 is Walt Disney’s birthday. Read a book with a Disney character.	Read a story about a snowman or reindeer.	Snuggle while reading a book.	Join the Library’s PreSchool Zoom story time on Fridays or FB live bedtime stories on Dec. 23.	Read a Christmas or Hanukkah book.	Go to the Library and check out a stack of wrapped books. Unwrap and read one each day.
<b>T A L K</b>	Dec. 4 is National Sock Day. Talk about sizes and colors while sorting and folding socks.	Dec. 13 is National Cocoa Day. Talk about things that are hot & cold while enjoying cocoa.	Talk about the holidays and your family’s plans.	Look in the mirror and talk about what you see.	Talk about the lights and decorations you see while walking or driving.	Use photos to name and talk about friends and relatives.	Talk (or pretend to talk) to a relative or friend on the telephone.
<b>S I N G</b>	Dec. 14 is National Monkey Day. Sing/Say the “5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed” rhyme	Listen to Christmas music and dance or sing along.	Sing your Jingle Bells or your favorite holiday song.	Bounce your child on your lap while you sing a song.	Dance to fast and to slow music.	Beat wooden spoons or other “instruments” in time to the music.	Sing or say a favorite nursery rhyme.
<b>W R I T E</b>	Feel objects with a variety of textures.	Scribble with red and green crayons.	Practice reaching for and grasping objects.	Wave hello and goodbye, and throw kisses.	Color a Christmas tree. Add stickers for decorations.	Tear paper to unwrap gifts.	Write or draw Thank You notes for gifts.
<b>P L A Y</b>	Dec. 5 is Bathtub Party Day. Let your child play with toys while taking a bath.	Play a tickle game.	Practice rolling over, sitting up, crawling, standing, walking or whatever is age appropriate.	Dec. 21 is National Flashlight Day. Play with a flashlight & a blanket or towel.	Have fun playing with new gifts and toys.	Play with empty boxes or empty wrapping paper tubes.	Play peek-a-boo.