



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.**

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| <b>R<br/>E<br/>A<br/>D</b>       | Read a new book.  | Jan. 5 is National Bird Day. Read a story about a bird or look at pictures of birds.   | Jan. 6 is National Cuddle Up Day. Cuddle up and read a favorite book.                                      | Jan. 18 is National Winnie the Pooh Day. Read a book featuring Winnie the Pooh.       | Read <u>The Mitten</u> by Jan Brett or another book about winter.       | Jan. 28 is Blue-berry Pancake Day. Read <u>Blueberries for Sal</u> or a book about pancakes. | Check out and read a book from the Library.   |
| <b>T<br/>A<br/>L<br/>K</b>       | It’s a new year. Talk about something your family wants to do in the coming year. | Jan. 13 is National Sticker Day. Have your child put animal stickers on paper. Together tell a story about what the animals are doing. | Jan. 15 is National Hat Day. Talk about (and show pictures) of different kinds of hats.                    | Talk about words that begin with the same sound as their name.                        | Jan. 25 is National Opposite Day. Talk about and demonstrate opposites. | Talk about the steps for building a snowman.   | Talk about winter and the cold and snow.  |
| <b>S<br/>I<br/>N<br/>G</b>       | Jan. 4 is National Spaghetti Day. Sing “On Top of Spaghetti.”                     | Sing favorite songs while riding in the car.   | Sing “Frosty the Snowman.”   | Beat the winter blues by turning on your child’s favorite songs and dancing together. | Sing the ABC song.  | Sing a lullaby at bedtime.   | Sing “This is the way…” we put on our clothes, brush out teeth, comb our hair, etc. |
| <b>W<br/>R<br/>I<br/>T<br/>E</b> | Form balls of snow. Or draw a picture of a snowman.                               | Jan. 9 is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Draw a picture to give to a police officer.  | Letter Writing Week is the 2 <sup>nd</sup> week in January. Write or draw a thank you for Christmas gifts. | Trace around your child’s hands to draw a pair of mittens. Decorate.                  | Jan. 23 is National Handwriting Day. Trace the child’s name or initial. | Make a winter picture. Tear paper to glue on for snowflakes.                                 | Jan. 31 is “Inspire your Heart with Art” day. Paint a picture or create a collage.  |
| <b>P<br/>L<br/>A<br/>Y</b>       | Play outside in the snow.   | Jan. 8 is National Bubble Bath Day. Play with bubbles at bathtime.   | Jan. 13 is National Rubber Duck Day. Play with a rubber duck in the bathtub.                               | Have an indoor snowball fight with wads of paper.                                     | Make an indoor fort to play in.   | Jan. 29 is National Puzzle Day. Play with jigsaw puzzles.                                    | Jan. 31 is Backward Day. Try walking (or crawling) backwards.                       |