



Carthage Public Library District

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

(“Write” also includes other 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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| R E A D | 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. | Have your child tell you a bedtime story. | Join the Library’s PreSchool Zoom story time on Fridays or FB Live bedtime stories on Dec. 23. | Read a Christmas or Hanukkah book. | Identify letters in the title of a book. |
| T A L K | 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. | Talk about words that rhyme with tree and star. | Talk about the lights and decorations you see while walking or driving. | Talk to a relative or friend on the phone. | Talk about favorite memories from this year (or month). |
| S I N G | 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 “Jingle Bells” or your favorite holiday song. | Dec. 20 is “Go Caroling Day.” Set up dolls or stuffed animals around the house and sing carols to them. | 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. |
| W R I T E | Pick up a take & make craft bag from the Library and enjoy making crafts together. | Draw a picture of your house together. | Help your child write a letter to Santa or to a relative. | Practice writing C for Christmas and D for December. | Draw a Christmas tree with decorations. | Practice using scissors for “Make Cut Out Snowflakes Day” (Dec. 27) | Write or draw Thank You notes for gifts. |
| P L A Y | Dec. 5 is Bathtub Party Day. Let your child play with toys while taking a bath. | Take turns hiding and object and play “Hot and Cold” | Play with paper airplanes to celebrate Wright Brothers Day (Dec. 17) | Dec. 21 is National Flashlight Day. Play with a flashlight & try making shadow puppets. | Have fun playing with new gifts and toys. | Play with empty boxes or empty wrapping paper tubes. | Dec. 28 is National Card Playing Day. Play a simple card game or make up your own. |