



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.**

<b>R E A 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 A L K</b>	It's a new year. Talk about something your child wants to do in the coming year.	Jan. 13 is National Sticker Day. Have your child put animal stickers on paper and tell you a story about what the animals are doing.	Jan. 15 is National Hat Day. Talk about words that rhyme with "hat."	Talk about all of the words you can think of that begin with J like January.	Jan. 25 is National Opposite Day. Talk about and demonstrate opposites.	Have your child tell you the steps for building a snowman.	Talk about words that rhyme with "cold" or "snow."
<b>S I N 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 R I T E</b>	Pick up a craft from the Library to make together.	Jan. 9 is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Draw a picture or write a thank you 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. Practice writing the alphabet.	Cut circles out of white paper to make a snowman.	Jan. 31 is "Inspire your Heart with Art" day. Paint a picture or create a collage.
<b>P L A 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 backwards.