

JANUARY 2025

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SUNDAY

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1
Read *William's Winter Nap* by Linda Ashman.

2
Write a New Years Resolution as a family!

3
Make homemade slime!

4
Visit the library!

5
Fill an ice tray with water and food coloring. Freeze then use to paint!

6
Sing about the New Year with "Cheer the Year," "A Brand New Year," or "Let's Celebrate!"

7
Take turns playing finish the sentence. "Remember a time when..."

8
Read a rhyming book! For every rhyming word, say other words that rhyme too!

9
How many words rhyme with your name? Write them down!

10
Turn a trip into a magical adventure! Fight a dragon, ride a horse, or get help from fairies!

11
Help train a pet or talk to an animal you see outside!

12
On 6 white cups draw a snowman face. Stack in a pyramid, then try to knock them all down with a toss!

13
Sing along with "Five Little Snowmen" on the library YouTube!

14
Practice saying please and thank you!

15
Read *Bright Winter Night* by Alli Brydon or *The Mitten* by Jan Brett.

16
Write thank you notes together for gifts received over the winter holidays. Sign your name too!

17
Play tick-tack-toe!

18
Visit the library!

19
Play the Pease Porridge Hot clapping game.

20
How many songs can you name with words like moon, stars, or space?

21
Practice sharing! Ask for specific toys you want to use!

22
Find a new reading spot in your house like under the bed!

23
Write letters on cards or rocks. Arrange them to spell different words!

24
Make a toilet paper roll snowman with construction paper and buttons.

25
Make jewelry with beads, dried pasta, and pipe cleaners!

26
Sing a song your grandparents used to sing!

27
Sing along with "The Winter Animal Dance" on the Santa Clarita Public Library YouTube page!

28
Play "Would You Rather?"

29
Read *The Kindness Book* by Todd Parr.

30
Make sugar cookies. Cut letters into the dough. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar and bake. Enjoy eating your alphabet!

31
On one marshmallow draw a snowman's face. On more, draw the buttons. See how high you can stack the snowman!

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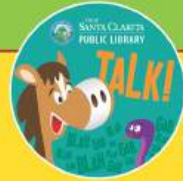
						1 Visit the library!
2 Play "The Garden Snail & Little Mouse" together.	3 Read and sing along with <i>Let's Play in the Forest While the Wolf is Not Around</i> by Claudia Rueda.	4 Talk into a fan. What does your voice sound like?	5 Share your favorite book with someone! Read together.	6 Use bath crayons to write letters or words during bath time on the tub!	7 Push chairs together to make a train or bus. You're the driver!	8 Draw each step in your morning routine, then do them in order.
9 Practice calming down techniques. Take three deep breaths and count to five.	10 What's your favorite song about love? Sing it to someone you love!	11 Grow your vocabulary and learn descriptive, unfamiliar words!	12 Read a book about love!	13 Make a card for someone you love! Write them a kind message inside!	14 Pick a color of the day! Wear, eat, and do things with only that color.	15 Visit the library!
16 Look in a mirror and pretend you are happy, sad, mad. How does your face change?	17 Print the lyrics to a song you know. Can you read them without singing the tune? Then sing it!	18 Talk about a time you were scared but did something brave.	19 Ask friends, family, teachers, or a librarian to share their favorite book with you!	20 Write an acrostic poem with your name! Use words that describe you!	21 Hide foam letters around the house. Once you find them, unscramble them to make a word!	22 Thread pipe cleaners through a colander and work on fine motor skills!
23 Do you have any hobbies? What is your favorite one?	24 Make up a song about yourself!	25 Describe everything you do today as you do it! Say what you're going to do next.	26 Read <i>If You Plant a Seed</i> by Kadir Nelson.	27 Draw a family portrait and write everyone's names under them!	28 Take out your favorite boardgame, but make up all new rules to play!	

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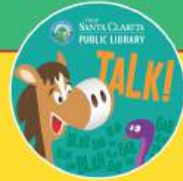
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						1 Visit the library!
2 Draw or color a picture of your favorite animal!	3 Make up a silly song about your dinner food!	4 What do you want to be when you grow up? Why do you want to do that?	5 Model reading! Show someone else how to read too!	6 Practice writing your whole name. Trace the letters and try to do them yourself!	7 Go to the park!	8 Play a bouncing game like "Ride Baby Ride."
9 Crush up some chalk and sprinkle in an ice cube tray. Freeze with water and use to draw outside!	10 Sing "Springtime Dance" by Jack Hartmann and do the matching dances!	11 Go on a sound walk! Describe everything you hear.	12 Video yourself reading, then watch and follow along with your story again!	13 What's the biggest word you know? Can you spell it and write it out?	14 Bury treasure, draw a map, then see if someone else can find it!	15 Visit the library!
16 What can you do to be helpful today?	17 Listen to songs about nature! Sing along! What parts of nature are they singing about?	18 Talk about the planets and moon!	19 Read to someone for International Read to Me Day!	20 Write a list of things you are excited to see grow this spring!	21 Paint some flowerpots! What types of designs are you painting?	22 Plant some flower or vegetable seeds in a pot or in your garden and watch them grow!
23 Make a scavenger hunt!	24 Sing "Spring Is Here" by The Learning Center.	25 Read a book using different voices.	26 Read the signs you see out loud while driving in the car!	27 Use cotton swabs to paint and trace lines and shapes on paper.	28 Using paint or ink, make thumbprints on paper. Then add bunny ears or chick feet and little faces!	29 Visit the library!
30 How many books did you read this week? Draw one thing for every book you read.	31 What instruments does your family play? Listen to it! Can you copy the noises?					

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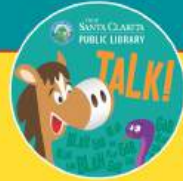
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		1 Tell family stories!	2 Find a book to read with all your favorite colors.	3 Write a story about a character you made up. Use your imagination!	4 Make a spring rainbow by gluing tissue paper balls in color order!	5 Visit the library!
6 Draw a map from your home to the park. Follow it!	7 Make up a song about all your favorite things! Use lots of descriptive words!	8 If you could have any animal as a pet what would it be?	9 Before reading a book together, count the number of pages.	10 Bake a cake! Then use sprinkles or frosting to write something on it!	11 Play a bouncing game like "Jelly on a Plate."	12 Eat something green with your lunch today!
13 Write the ABC's on plastic cups, then kick them over with a ball. For each letter knocked over, say a word that starts with that letter.	14 What is your favorite movie? Can you sing all the songs? What are they about? How do they make you feel?	15 When you're done reading the words in a book, talk about the colors, shapes and action in the pictures.	16 Read in another language. If you don't know how, ask someone who does!	17 Write some letters many times on paper. Connect matching letters with lines or dots, avoiding the letters that don't match.	18 Point out one color on a walk for 5 minutes following it, then switch colors!	19 Visit the library!
20 Play ABC-Go Fish by creating 52 "cards" with uppercase and lowercase letters, one per card.	21 Sing a call and response song like "Brown Bear, Brown Bear."	22 Can you tell a story backwards? Start at the end and see what you can remember!	23 Read the signs around you while waiting for something.	24 Write your name. Now glue beans, rocks, leaves, or anything else on it following the letters.	25 Pretend you are an astronaut and the park is a new planet you are visiting. What happens next? What do you see?	26 Paint coffee filters with watercolors. Once dry, cut them into flowers and attach to the windows.
27 Explore the SCPL Kids' Space on the library website to find many fun online resources!	28 Sing a song in another language! Ask someone to teach you if you don't know one!	29 Speak in an old-timey voice or accent!	30 Play I Spy as you read and point out the first letter of your name when you see it!			

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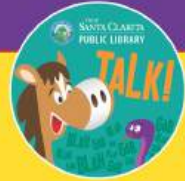
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				1 Write the alphabet in chalk and trace the letters! How many letters can you write by yourself?	2 Make mosaics with multi-colored tissue paper. Cut then glue onto paper with a glue-water mix. Overlap the colors!	3 Visit the library!
4 Plant some seeds in little pots! Make a plant marker with a popsicle stick to label your plants!	5 Do you know any songs about flowers growing? Play some music for springtime!	6 Grow your vocabulary by using descriptive and new words!	7 Read a classic picture book.	8 Write out some spring themed words, like flowers, chicks, and butterflies! Trace the letters of each word.	9 Cut and shape a paper bag into a crown that fits on your head. Don't forget to decorate!	10 Build a sensory box! Can you guess what is in it?
11 Stuff cotton balls in a glass jar and put a bean on either side. Water, place near a sunny window and watch the beans grow!	12 Change the vowel sounds in songs! Like "Eeples and Beeneenes" not "Apples and Bananas!"	13 Use your imagination and write your own story! Then read it out loud to someone!	14 Find different places to read - a fun morning spot, a quiet afternoon area, and cozy evening place!	15 Write a grocery list. Cut pictures from the ads and match them to what's on the list.	16 Pick a color of the day and wear and eat that color! Go places with the color! Let the color guide your day!	17 Visit the library!
18 Put magnetic letters on a cookie sheet. Cover the letters in flour and use a brush to "search the site" for hidden letters.	19 Make a memory song about your address and phone number.	20 Pick something and count how many times you see it today!	21 Read about a historical event or time period you don't know about!	22 Write big letters, then glue balls of tissue paper along the lines.	23 Play with bubbles! What in your house can be used as a bubble wand?	24 Play a bouncing game like "Bumping Up and Down in my Little Red Wagon."
25 Have a picnic outside! Visit a park you've never been to before!	26 Sing "Bumblebee (Buzz Buzz)" by Laurie Berkner.	27 Tell a story about living on another planet ...	28 Read about your favorite animal!	29 Tape letters onto the fridge and trace the lines with magnets!	30 Paint on the back of leaves and "stamp" them on paper to see the design!	31 Visit the library!

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1 It's Say Something Nice Day! Say 10 kind things to people today!	2 Sing a song like an animal by barking or meowing the tune!	3 How high can you count? Can you count by fives? Tens?	4 Read along with an audiobook.	5 Write a list of all the things you like to do in the summer!	6 Make up a craft that represents the book you are reading.	7 Learn about the different forms of water! Make some popsicles. What form of water is that?
8 Practice listening skills! Close your eyes and name five sounds you hear!	9 Sing "It's a Beautiful Day" by The Singing Walrus. Is it a beautiful day outside?	10 Say some tongue twisters. Now say them really fast!	11 If you could go anywhere, where would it be? Read about a place you want to go!	12 Get a paintbrush and water and write letters on cement.	13 Play a dance game! Crawl like an ant, jump like a frog, gallop like a horse!	14 Visit the library!
15 What is the California state flower? Can you find it on a walk outside?	16 Whisper, shout, talk and sing a song! Does it feel different for your voice?	17 Talk about a book at Library Storytime!	18 Read to someone on the phone or over video chat!	19 Thread a shoelace back and forth through holes in a paper. Tie at the end!	20 Wear costumes and put on a play!	21 Mix bubbles and food coloring. Use straws to blow colorful bubbles on paper to paint!
22 Watch a movie with your family!	23 Use bells, drums, or shakers to make a beat!	24 Narrate everything you do today out loud!	25 Have quiet reading time today!	26 Peel stickers and put them on a swirly line. Follow the shape!	27 Go on a field trip to a place you read about, like the zoo.	28 Visit the library!
29 Draw zig zags on paper, then cut following the lines!	30 Sing about the color of your clothes and which piece of clothing goes where!					

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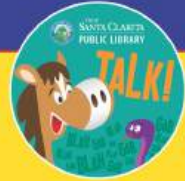
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		1 What is a problem you had today? How would your favorite character solve it?	2 Read a book from the online Tumble Book Library database.	3 Write down a grocery list with invented spelling or pictures. Have fun picking things out together!	4 Write letters all over a beach ball. Throw the ball up and say the letter facing you when you catch it.	5 Stamp a paper with your thumbprint in ink. Then use markers to make the prints into different bugs!
6 Do you know how to swim? Go swimming or splash around in some water!	7 Draw a zigzag line. Sing a song loud and quiet by following the ups and downs of the line!	8 What are you excited to do today? Talk about it!	9 Read the last page in a story and guess what happened before reading the book.	10 List three things that happened today - what is the same, different, and new?	11 Pick an animal to learn about. Be the animal all day long! Eat, act, and play how they do!	12 Visit the library!
13 Cut up sponges and soak in water to have a water fight and cool off from the heat!	14 Sing a silly song to make someone laugh!	15 Tell a story about a camping trip or vacation...	16 Attend Storytime at the library!	17 Use building blocks to make letter shapes!	18 Color, then cut your picture up. Piece it together like a puzzle!	19 Finger paint!
20 Help sort the laundry by color!	21 Find a free public music event and listen together.	22 Retell your favorite story or movie plot. Can you remember all the details?	23 Read to a pet or a stuffed animal.	24 Make shapes and line patterns with glue. Then stick beads or buttons down in line.	25 Draw yourself and label your body parts! How many legs? Arms? Teeth?	26 Visit the library!
27 Dress like your favorite character!	28 Sing your favorite theme songs!	29 Tell a story about a magical door and where it goes ...	30 Play Loteria! One person says the word and the other finds it written down.	31 Trace the letters on all the signs you see with your finger!		

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					1 Play I Spy wherever you go! Point out things you have never seen before!	2 Use your whole body to show how you feel - sad, happy, or excited?
3 Pick a color and find items in your house that match. Sort them!	4 Print out lyrics, read them, then use them to sing along with a song.	5 Ask your family to share stories about when they were a child.	6 Read <i>First Day Critter Jitters</i> by Jory John.	7 Write uppercase and lowercase letters. Then match them up!	8 Use your imagination and make your toys talk to each other!	9 Visit the library!
10 On two decks of cards write capital and lowercase letters. Tape one set to the wall then find and tape its match!	11 Sing a counting song like "Five Little Speckled Frogs."	12 Start a book club! Ask discussion questions about what you're reading!	13 Co-read by learning a sight word and saying it out loud every time you read.	14 Write letters on rocks and sort them by vowels, uppercase, and more.	15 Sort all your toys and books! Now sort them by different categories!	16 Where did your name come from? What does it mean?
17 Read <i>This Little Piggy</i> by Jane Yolen, Will Hillenbrand, and Adam Stemple.	18 Play a bouncing game like "Tick Tock Clock."	19 Tell your family a funny story!	20 Read <i>Schoolyard Rhymes</i> by Judy Sierra.	21 Write five things you love! Ask your family what they love and write it down too!	22 Pretend to be an animal! Move and make the sounds like it would.	23 Visit the library!
24 Make a salt painting! On paper, draw with glue, cover it in salt and dry. Then paint the salt with watercolors!	25 What is your favorite summer song to listen to?	26 What makes your family members special? Tell them!	27 Read a book about animals. What is a new fact you learned about that animal?	28 Write something in the mud. Write your full name!	29 Fly a kite today!	30 It's National Beach Day! Get a towel and pretend to read "at the beach" or go to the beach for real!
31 Watch the moon and how it is changing. Give it a howl!						

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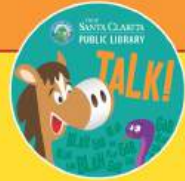
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	1 Can you name that song? Play a few seconds of a song and see if you can guess what it is!	2 Cook together! Talk about the type of food, the ingredients, the way it smells, tastes, and looks!	3 Learn about the fall season with <i>Tell Me Why? Leaves Change Color</i> by Linda Crotta Brennan.	4 Draw an animal or people talking. What are they saying? Write it down in a speech bubble!	5 Read outside for National Read a Book Day, then make up a game the characters would play!	6 Visit the library!
7 Use colored blocks or toys to make simple patterns together.	8 Check out books that can be sung from the library, like <i>I Got the Rhythm</i> by Connie Schofield-Morrison.	9 Tell a story about finding hidden treasure...	10 Read <i>Screen-Free Family Activities</i> by Zazu Navarro and pick a couple to do this month!	11 Make uppercase and lowercase letters in playdough.	12 It's National Day of Encouragement! Write some encouraging words to yourself!	13 "Color" in a picture by gluing different colors and sizes of tissue paper balls to a picture to fill in the lines.
14 Make a crown or mask with paper! Decorate it!	15 Make up a song about your morning routine!	16 Go on a walk, then teach someone how you get back home! Give them directions!	17 Read a recipe for edible playdough. Now make some!	18 Write the alphabet in chalk! Try to write sentences or your name.	19 Go to the park and make up a new game with a friend.	20 Visit the library!
21 Make a collage or decorate a frame with stickers!	22 Read and sing "If You're Happy and You Know It" by James Warhola.	23 Talk about your favorite part of the day before bed!	24 Read a picture book with characters that share your cultural background!	25 What do you want to be when you grow up?	26 Cut out your initials with construction paper and decorate them however you want.	27 Play at the park!
28 Make a fall popcorn tree by dipping popcorn in paint, then gluing to a tree trunk on paper!	29 Sing a song with hand movements!	30 Record yourself telling a story and listen to what your voice sounds like!				

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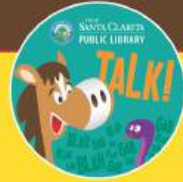
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			1 Read <i>If You Ever Meet a Skeleton</i> by Rebecca Evans.	2 Write your own rhyming story!	3 Build a fort and pretend you're a bear in a cave!	4 Visit the library!
5 Ask a grown-up about traditional instruments important in your family's culture. What do they sound like?	6 Sing your favorite song loudly, then softly. Fast then slow. In a funny voice.	7 What makes you special? Talk about it!	8 Read something from the Tumble Book Library database on the Library website.	9 Practice writing your name in sand, shaving cream, flour, or another material.	10 Point out things that don't make sounds. What sounds would they make if they could?	11 Make monsters by tracing your hand on paper then coloring it into a scary creature!
12 Pretend to play an instrument you hear in a song.	13 Sing "The Purple People Eater" by Kidsongs and dance along!	14 Describe the colors, shapes and sizes of things you see on a walk.	15 Read the grocery list and pick out everything you need in the store!	16 Play with playdough to strengthen your writing fingers! Can you make letters?	17 Have a playdate and make up a new game together!	18 Visit the library!
19 Sort your toys by color and size!	20 Sing a song about animals!	21 Act out your favorite show or movie!	22 Read a book by a new author! Find something you like on the library website!	23 Write your name in chalk with letters as big as you are!	24 Play a game with a ball!	25 Make ghost thumbprints with white paint on black paper! Draw their facial expressions!
26 Check in at different times of the day! How do you feel? What's your mood?	27 Sing and watch "Halloween Sharks" by Pinkfong!	28 Tell a scary story. Is it fiction or non-fiction? Did it happen to you?	29 Read a spooky book!	30 Write a scary story about monsters! Where do they live? Who do they scare?	31 Glue cotton swabs on black paper in the shape of a skeleton's body!	

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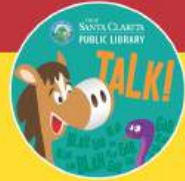
						1 Visit the library!
2 Make a bird feeder!	3 Pretend to be in a band! Sing and "play" an instrument!	4 Tell a true story you know about someone else. What's a true story that happened to you?	5 Identify letters and words you know in a newspaper. Cut them out!	6 Cut letters out of different textured materials. Glue them to paper and trace the letters.	7 Act out a finger-puppet version of your favorite story.	8 Using your body, move three ways to make a pattern. You can jump, clap, and wiggle!
9 Draw a tree trunk and empty branches. Using fall colors of paint and your fingers, dot on the leaves to fill the tree!	10 Pick a song and draw a picture about what's happening! Can you color and sing at the same time?	11 Do something new today, then talk about what you liked and didn't like about it!	12 Mix up first letters of different words, like in <i>Runny Babbit</i> by Shel Silverstein.	13 Use white crayons to write on white paper. Paint over with watercolors and reveal the letters!	14 Print photos of your family's heads, glue on paper, then draw them outfits or doing fun things!	15 Visit the library!
16 Make a sensory box with objects that all start with the same letter. Guess the letter as you examine the objects!	17 Sing "Five Little Ducks" together with the hand movements!	18 Tell a story about an animal on an adventure...	19 Make a daily routine that includes reading!	20 Invent a new type of car. What does it look like?	21 Play outside or at the park!	22 Make your own bookmarks!
23 Use paper plates and popsicle sticks to make masks!	27 Make up a song about your nighttime routine!	25 What do you like to do when you get to play by yourself?	26 Read <i>I Am Thankful</i> by Sonali Fry.	27 Make a list of everything you are grateful for!	28 Make up your own game with a ball! What are the rules?	29 Visit the library!
30 Play Bingo!						

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1
Sing the Name Game! Sing your name and all the words that rhyme with it. Do it again with your middle and last name!

2
Place winter spices like cinnamon and clove in a pot, fill with water and boil. What does your house smell like now?

3
Read *The Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson or *Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner.

4
Set up a writing station with paper, crayons, markers and pencils so you can write when you want!

5
Move "snowballs" without your hands! With a straw, suck and move cotton balls from one pile into another pile of snowballs!

6
Tape letters to a wall, call out the sounds and throw a "snowball" (cotton ball or ping pong ball) at the matching letter.

7
Paint bubble wrap and stamp it onto paper to see the textured design!

8
Sing along with "El Burro Enfermo" on the Santa Clarita Public Library YouTube page!

9
Talk about everything you need to get while at the grocery store.

10
Read a book about science! Can you do your own experiment?

11
Make your own word search! Use words you already know like your family's names!

12
Make up your own game of tag with new rules.

13
Visit the library!

14
Paint some rocks with silly faces and hide them around your neighborhood!

15
Sing some songs about a holiday you celebrate! What are songs you know from different holidays?

16
Talk about the clothes you put on to stay warm. Name their color and how they feel.

17
Using a picture book, make up a story and "read" to a pet or toy!

18
Write your first initial with whipped cream in a mug of hot chocolate!

19
Pretend you are your favorite character while you do chores today!

20
Make your own wand with a stick, air dry clay, beads and decorations!

21
Make music with things you find around the house!

22
Read and sing with a sing-a-long book!

23
Put on a puppet show!

24
Read a book about food.

25
Write a story about an imaginary friend!

26
Play ABC Go Fish!

27
Visit the library!

28
Make a photo frame with popsicle sticks! Don't forget to decorate!

29
Sing about the New Year with "Let's Celebrate!"

30
What are your New Years resolutions? Talk about them!

31
Make the food you read about in a book.