November 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is Chelsea District's Library's easy way to engage in early literacy at home! Reading aloud to your baby or young child is the best way to build foundational skills for lifelong reading and learning. Earn prizes and free books just by reading together with your child! Check out this month's book list and literacy tips to get started.

Librarian Reads

Grandma's Tiny House
by Janay Brown-Wood

Llama Llama Gives Thanks
by Amanda Dewdney

Around the Table that Grandad Built
by Melanie Heuiser Hill

Another Word for Neighbor
by Angela Pham Krans

Gather Grateful by Megan Litwin

Thanks for Thanksgiving by Julie Markes

We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga by Tracy Sorell

Rhyme Time

Thanksgiving Time is Here

Thanksgiving time is here,
Thanksgiving time is here,
Let's all give a great big cheer (hooray!)
Thanksgiving time is here.

I'm thankful for my mom,
I'm thankful for my mom,
Let's all give a great big cheer (hooray!)
I'm thankful for my mom.

Use names of family members, neighbors, friends, teachers, or pets for more verses.

Ready to Read

Create a culture of reading at home and get your child ready to read by building the 5 Practices of Early Literacy into your daily routines. It's easy and fun!

READ We are so thankful for how stories connect us! Ask a librarian at the reference desk in the youth area for a new book recommendation to read.

WRITE Make a classic turkey handprint card. Depending on age, your child can trace, cut, paint, or color! Mail it to someone so they learn how to address an envelope.

SING Sing "Thanksgiving Time is Here" (above) with your child. Brainstorm more family members, friends, and special things in your lives to add into new verses.

TALK Incorporate the question "What are you thankful for today?" into your child's bedtime routine. Share your own answers every night, too.

PLAY Gather up any play food and kitchen gear you know you won't be using for Thanksgiving meal prep so your child can "cook" along side you on the big day.

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 **Reading** It's Family Literacy Day. Read a favorite book with someone you love.	2 **Stories** Tell a story about a squirrel hiding a snack for winter.	3 **Math** Vote for two favorite books and count which one gets more votes.	4 **Songs** Sing a cleanup song while putting toys or books in a basket.	5 **Science** Look outside for signs of late fall. Which trees still have leaves?	6 **Writing** Draw a plate of favorite foods and name each item together.	7 **Rhymes** Take turns rhyming with fall words like leaf, pie, and cold.
8 **Play** It's STEM/STEAM Day. Build a tower with blocks, cups, or boxes.	9 **Sounds** Listen for indoor and outdoor sounds. Is each sound loud or quiet?	10 **Reading** Read a book with repeated words and invite your child to join in.	11 **Writing** It's Veterans Day. Draw a thank-you picture for someone who served.	12 **Science** Use a flashlight to make shadows. What happens when the light moves?	13 **Play** It's World Kindness Day. Pretend to deliver kindness mail to loved ones.	14 **Math** Count pairs of socks, shoes, or mittens as you get ready for chilly weather.
15 **Science** It's America Recycles Day. Sort clean recyclables by material or color.	16 **Rhymes** Read a rhyming book and clap each time you hear a rhyming pair.	17 **Writing** Make a grocery list with pictures, scribbles, or letter-like marks.	18 **Songs** Make up a song about falling leaves and sing it together.	19 **Reading** Point out words on cans, boxes, signs, or menus while you are out.	20 **Stories** It's Universal Children's Day. Tell a story about kids playing together.	21 **Sounds** It's World Hello Day. Say hello in a whisper, a roar, and a silly voice.
22 **Play** Pretend to host a cozy storytime for stuffed animals.	23 **Math** Count five things you see at the table. Which one is biggest?	24 **Rhymes** Name words that rhyme with more, like door, floor, and roar.	25 **Writing** Help your child make a thank-you card for someone they appreciate.	26 **Reading** It's Thanksgiving. Read a book about gratitude, family, or sharing.	27 **Reading** It's Native American Heritage Day. Read a picture book by an Indigenous creator.	28 **Science** Mix ingredients for a snack or recipe. Talk about what changes.
29 **Stories** Tell a story about a leaf floating on the wind.	30 **Songs** Say goodbye to November by singing a favorite song fast, then slow.					

Help your child get ready to learn to read!

Each day features a fun activity that will help your child build pre-reading skills. Activities are color-coded by skill. Ask your children's librarian for more ideas on how to promote early literacy skills with daily activities at home.



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