



Get Ready to Read

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Let's Pretend Play!

By the age of two, kids begin to engage in imaginative play. Pretend play fosters a child's sense of curiosity and creativity, plus it encourages language development and life skills. Spark pretend play by:

- **Offering a prop box** filled with a variety of dress-up clothes, kitchen utensils, blankets and pieces of material, old phones, empty boxes, blocks, toy cars, dolls, stuffed animals, and a mirror.
- **Play along** by following their lead and building on their ideas. Playing birthday party? Use a block as the cake, sing the Happy Birthday song and pretend to blow out candles, then cut and eat the cake.
- **Practice and explore** new situations that might be hard or scary like starting a new school, going to the doctor, or to a sleepover.
- **More pretend play ideas:**
Host a tea party with stuffed animals and dolls.
Go on a camping trip. Visit Grandma. Ride a bus.
Go shopping. Cook a meal. Plant a garden. Work at the Post Office. Play superheroes. Be a veterinarian.
Act like animals in the zoo. Voyage by airplane.

Song

I'm a Little Teapot

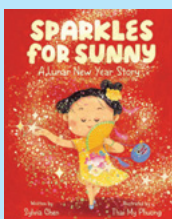
I'm a little teapot, short and stout
Here is my handle (one hand on hip)
Here is my spout (other arm out straight)
When I get all steamed up
Hear me shout
Tip me over and pour me out! (lean over toward spout)
I'm a clever teapot, yes it's true
Here let me show you
What I can do
I can change my handle
And my spout (switch arm positions)
Just tip me over and pour me out! (lean over toward spout)



Books to Read

Sparkles for Sunny: A Lunar New Year Story by Sylvia Chen
A Quick Trip to the Store by Sam Wedelich

Little Red and Big, Bad Fred by Ashley Belote
Weiwei's Winter Solstice by Michelle Jing Chan
Winter Is Wonderful by Emma Dodd
The Night of the Hedgehog by Tanya Rosie








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Fun activities to promote literacy and learning

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FREE at mcdl.info/eMedia eBooks • Audiobooks • Magazines • Music • TV • Movies  Libby.  hoopla  kanopy				1 Happy New Year! Write today's date.	2 Take a walk outside and look for footprints. Who left them?	3 Talk about your favorite winter activity.
4 Make little snowballs out of play dough and count them.	5 National Bird Day! Move like a bird and make bird sounds.	6 Sing <i>I'm a Little Teapot</i> (words on other side).	7 Paint with feathers.	8 Turn on music and dance with your favorite stuffed friend.	9 Read a book about birds.	10 Draw a picture of your favorite bird.
11 Make a list of words that rhyme with snow.	12 Make a blizzard in a bottle with water, glitter, and foam snowflakes.	13 How many white things can you count in your kitchen?	14 Recite the months of the year to a grown-up. How many are there?	15 Read your favorite book with a grown-up.	16 Use potato flakes and glue to make a snowman on construction paper.	17 Draw a picture of your family. Who is the tallest? Who is the smallest?
18 Sing a song about the days of the week.	19 National Popcorn Day! Try a new recipe for popcorn.	20 Write your own story. Act it out!	21 Make your own blanket fort.	22 Read an eBook about Arctic animals on hoopla.	23 Go outside at night and look at the stars. Can you find the North Star?	24 Give someone a compliment today.
25 Draw a picture of your favorite animal in the snow.	26 Build a snowman using large marshmallows.	27 Look out your window. Tell a grown-up what you see.	28 Paint the snow with water and food coloring in spray bottles.	29 Puzzle Day! Cut up a photograph or magazine picture and make your own puzzle.	30 Put on your socks. Do they match?	31 Make paper snow using a hole punch and an index card.

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