



## Winter 2025-26 Literacy Lotto

Try to get a “bingo” of five boxes in a row horizontally, vertically, or on a diagonal. Extra challenge: Complete each box on the Lotto Card within the fall season. These ideas are suggestions and starting points; feel free to make them your own. See the Families & Literacy Committee Winter newsletter for additional ideas to engage in literacy at home.

<b>YA Book Recommendation</b>  <i>Some Like It Cold</i> by Elle McNicoll	<b>Fun Family Activity</b>  Choose an audiobook to listen to and discuss together. Share what you liked about listening together.	<b>Conversation Starter</b>  <b>Prompt:</b> Would you rather... make a snowman or go sledding? Tell why.	<b>Family-Friendly Poem Book Recommendation</b>  <i>Winter Bees &amp; Other Poems of the Cold</i> by Joyce Sidman	<b>Writing Activity</b> Start a family daily journal  <b>Prompt:</b> Write a highlight, lowlight, and one new learning for each day
Look through a <b>World Record book</b> with your family.  Recommendation: <i>Guinness Book of World Records 2026</i>	<b>Fun Family Activity</b>  Cook or bake while reading recipes aloud. Talk about who or where recipes come from.	<b>Conversation Starter</b>  <b>Prompt:</b> What is a world record you would like to break? Discuss with your family.	<b>Winter Picture Book Recommendation</b>  <i>The Snowflake's Wish</i> by Denise Abdale	<b>Writing Activity</b>  Write a Family Recipe Book together. Take pictures or illustrate when done making each.
<b>Nonfiction Book Recommendation</b>  <i>Wild Cats</i> by Elizabeth Carney  Or another National Geographic Kids book of interest	<b>Fun Family Activity</b>  Make a family memory jar where you jot a memory or funny quote from the day. Read at the end of the year to review.	<b>Visit the Library. Check out something that is new to you.</b>	<b>Picture Book Recommendation</b>  <i>The Book That Almost Rhymed</i> By Omar Abed	<b>Writing Activity</b>  Build a story together. Start with one sentence and take turns adding sentences.
<b>Middle Grade Novel Recommendation</b>  <i>Snow</i> by Meera Trehan	<b>Fun Family Activity</b>  Start a mailbox system for home where family members can write to one another.	<b>Conversation Starter</b>  <b>Prompt:</b> If you could invite a character from a book to dinner, who would you invite and why?	<b>Picture Book Recommendation</b>  <i>The Magic of Friendship Snow</i> by Andi Cann	<b>Writing Activity</b>  Write a letter to relatives, neighbors, or community members.
<b>YA Realistic Fiction Book Recommendation</b>  <i>The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl</i> by Stacy McAnulty	<b>Fun Family Activity</b>  Make a “reading fort” and have a family “camp-in” night.	<b>Conversation Starter</b>  <b>Prompt:</b> If you could instantly learn any skill, what would it be and why?	<b>Picture Book Recommendation</b>  <i>The Snow Thief</i> by Alice Hemming	<b>Writing Activity</b>  Make a list of 5 memories from winter. Then, write a list of 5 activities you are looking forward to doing in spring.