

# JULY 2025

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1 WRITING</b> Plan and make a list of what to bring on a picnic.	<b>2 PLAYING</b> Go on a picnic and play fun outdoor games.	<b>3 TALKING</b> Talk about today's weather. What should you wear? 	<b>4 SINGING</b> Sing a movement song like "The Wheels on the Bus." (Words are on the back.)	<b>5 COUNTING</b> Let your child help cook using a recipe. We will need six eggs, one cup of flour, etc.
<b>6 READING</b> Before reading, look at the book cover and point out the title.	<b>7 WRITING</b> Write a message and tuck it in your child's shoe. Read it together when they find it.	<b>8 PLAYING</b> Play "Follow the Leader." 	<b>9 TALKING</b> Try a fruit or vegetable your child hasn't had. Talk about how it looks, feels, smells and tastes.	<b>10 SINGING</b> Play music with a fast tempo while cleaning up toys.	<b>11 COUNTING</b> Compare amounts. For example, "You have more apple pieces than I do."	<b>12 WRITING</b> Use voices and expressions while reading to help your child learn about feelings.
<b>13 WRITING</b> Write a fun message on the sidewalk with chalk.	<b>14 PLAYING</b> Find things that start with the first letter of your child's name.	<b>15 TALKING</b> Take a walk. Point out and name things you see.	<b>16 SINGING</b> Play "Freeze." Play music and when you turn it off everyone has to stop in place until the music starts again.	<b>17 COUNTING</b> Use string to measure items. Talk about which is longer or shorter.	<b>18 READING</b> After reading, talk about your favorite part of the story. 	<b>19 WRITING</b> Help your child draw a picture of a summer activity. Have your child "sign" the picture.
<b>20 PLAYING</b> Play "I Spy" outside. For example, "I spy something pink with three wheels." Yes! Your bike.	<b>22 TALKING</b> At bedtime, talk about where animals sleep at night.	<b>22 SINGING</b> Put dried beans or pasta in a container to make a shaker. March and shake it while singing.	<b>23 COUNTING</b> Count how many birds you see today. 	<b>24 READING</b> Point out words you see around you—on signs, labels or menus.	<b>25 WRITING</b> Help your child send a letter. Let them tell you what to say, address the envelope, add a stamp and mail it together.	<b>26 PLAYING</b> Play "Riddle Me." For example, "I'm small, purple and in the kitchen. What am I?" A grape!
<b>27 TALKING</b> Talk about the types of things you do in the morning, afternoon and evening.	<b>28 SINGING</b> Play "Echo Me." Clap or stomp a pattern. Have your child repeat the sound.	<b>29 COUNTING</b> Create a grocery list together. Look at what you have and what you need.	<b>30 READING</b> Ask your child to pick a favorite book and tell you why they like it.	<b>31 WRITING</b> Let your child use crayons, pencils, markers and chalk to draw or write on different kinds of paper. 		

## You are your child's first teacher, and your home is where your child begins to learn.

Make your home a great place to learn. It doesn't take money to create special places where you and your child can talk, sing, read, write, play, and count. Here are a few ideas.

### PLACES TO READ

Set up a cozy area where your child can enjoy books. Have a comfortable chair or pillows and a shelf or basket for books. Make sure there's enough space for you both to sit together and that your child can reach the books easily.

### PLACES TO WRITE

Make it easy to write every day. Set up a space where your child can write on their own. Provide pencils, crayons or markers in different sizes so they can use what is most comfortable. Use unlined paper to let your child explore writing freely.

### PLACES TO PLAY

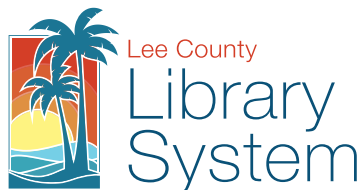
Play comes naturally to children and only requires a little space, simple props and imagination. You don't need expensive toys or electronics. Play helps children learn. Use props like large boxes, old clothes, or empty containers and give your child plenty of chances to play.



### WHEELS ON THE BUS

The wheels on the bus go round and round,  
Round and round, round and round.  
The wheels on the bus go round and round,  
All around the town.  
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish...  
The driver on the bus says "move on back"...  
The people on the bus go up and down...  
The babies on the bus go "wah, wah, wah"...  
The parents on the bus go "shh, shh, shh"...

ADAPTATION: THE HORSE ON THE FARM GOES "NEIGH, NEIGH, NEIGH"; COW, LAMB, PIG, ETC.



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# Books to Read this Month

The following titles and more are available through the Lee County Library System. Place a hold online and find additional ebook selections through Hoopla and Overdrive at [www.leelibrary.net](http://www.leelibrary.net)

## For Readers Birth to Pre-K

### Barnyard Dance!

by Sandra Boynton

### The Very Busy Spider

by Eric Carle

### Island Born

by Junot Díaz

### Walter's Wonderful Web

by Tim Hopgood



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