

# AUGUST 2025

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1 WRITING</b> Sit outside and write a list of seven things you see. 	<b>2 PLAYING</b> Paint on the sidewalk with water. Watch it evaporate.
<b>3 TALKING</b> Make this "same and different" day. How are socks the same and different?	<b>4 SINGING</b> Make music with things you have in the house, like pots, pans and spoons.	<b>5 COUNTING</b> Sort toys by size. Count the number of toys in each group. 	<b>6 READING</b> Read a nonfiction book about birds and discuss what you've learned. Say the rhyme "If I Were a Bird." (Words are on the back.)	<b>7 WRITING</b> Label items in your child's room. Point to the words and discuss as you put things away.	<b>8 PLAYING</b> Play with blocks. What can you make? Form the blocks into letter shapes.	<b>9 TALKING</b> Take an alphabet walk outside. Talk about things that begin with different letter sounds.
<b>10 SINGING</b> Sing a bedtime story. Encourage your child to sing with you.	<b>11 COUNTING</b> Put five stuffed animals in order from smallest to largest. 	<b>12 READING</b> Have a family story time. Each person picks a book to read aloud.	<b>13 WRITING</b> Draw a picture for a grandparent or other very important person.	<b>14 PLAYING</b> Play "What Fits?" Will your hat fit under your bed? Will the refrigerator fit in your pocket?	<b>15 TALKING</b> Use family photos to tell different stories. Encourage your child to tell a story.	<b>16 SINGING</b> Pick a new kind of music you haven't listened to before. Listen together.
<b>17 COUNTING</b> Set the table for a meal. How many plates, utensils, and napkins will you need?	<b>18 READING</b> Have a video chat with a friend or family member. Ask them to read a picture book to your child.	<b>19 WRITING</b> Write the names of each family member with chalk on the sidewalk. Stand on your name.	<b>20 PLAYING</b> Play the "yes-no" game about time. Is it time for breakfast? Is it time to read?	<b>21 TALKING</b> Before going to bed talk about things you did this morning, this afternoon and night.	<b>22 SINGING</b> Sing a "good morning" song to greet your child. 	<b>23 COUNTING</b> Count the trees you see today.
<b>24 READING</b> Point out signs everywhere.	<b>25 WRITING</b> Use chalk to draw shapes like triangles, squares, circles and rectangles. Discuss how they're different.	<b>26 PLAYING</b> Pretend you are in a boat on the water. Ask your child what kind of fish they see. 	<b>27 TALKING</b> Offer choices today. Do you want this book or that one? Do you want water or milk?	<b>28 SINGING</b> Sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes." (Words are on the back.)	<b>29 TALKING</b> Trace around your hand and your child's hand on paper. Talk about the difference in size.	<b>30 READING</b> Visit the library's website and place holds on your favorite books.
<b>31 WRITING</b> Use play dough to shape your child's first name.						

## Children's reading success

in kindergarten and beyond begins with positive language and literacy experiences from the time they are infants.

- Young children have shorter attention spans. You can do activities for short bits of time throughout the day or whenever you have the chance.
- You can help your children learn in ways and at times that are best for them.
- Parents are tremendous role models—if your children see that you think reading is important and enjoy it, they will follow your lead.
- Children learn best by doing—and they love doing things with YOU!

### HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES AND TOES

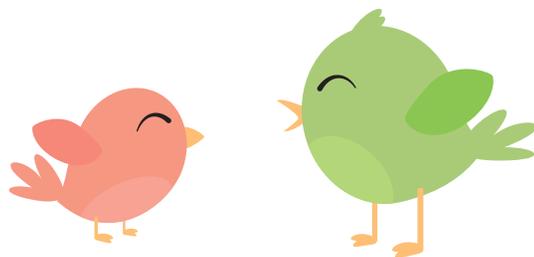
*(Touch your head, knees, toes etc. as you sing:)*

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes  
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes  
And eyes and ears and mouth and nose,  
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes

Neck, elbows, hips and feet, hips and feet  
Neck, elbows, hips and feet, hips and feet  
And thighs and rears and lips and teeth,  
Neck, elbows, lips and teeth, lips and teeth.

### IF I WERE A BIRD

If I were a bird, I'd sing a song  
And fly about the whole day long.  
And when the night comes, go to rest,  
Up in my cozy little nest.



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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

### Ocean Life

*by Jill McDonald*

### Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

*by Eric Carle*

### Birds

*by Kevin Henkes*

### Saturday

*by Oge Mora*



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