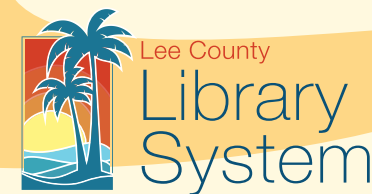


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Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 WRITING Have fun scribbling with different pens on different papers.	2 PLAYING Blow bubbles to strengthen speech muscles. 	3 TALKING As you tell a story, use new words and explain what they mean.	4 SINGING Recite a nursery rhyme like "Hickory Dickory Dock." <i>Words are on the back.</i>	5 COUNTING Lace "O" cereal onto yarn and count them.	6 READING Read about late summer insects like crickets or cicadas.
7 WRITING Write a to-do list and have your child check off items.	8 PLAYING Play an alphabet search—take turns picking a letter and finding it.	9 TALKING Explain something your child hasn't done yet.	10 SINGING Play a favorite song and clap, march, spin and tap.	11 COUNTING Count red cars today and tally them at the end. 	12 READING Celebrate having a library card! Check out what's available at your library.	13 WRITING Pop bubble wrap or play with squirt toys to strengthen writing muscles.
14 PLAYING Tape contact paper to the wall, sticky side out, and see what sticks.	15 TALKING Make silly sounds. Encourage your child to imitate you.	16 SINGING Sing "Now it's bath time" to the tune of "Frère Jacques." 	17 COUNTING Take a walk and count birds or squirrels.	18 READING Let your child hold a book and turn the pages to learn how books work.	19 WRITING Use cooked spaghetti to form shapes and letters.	20 PLAYING Go on a scavenger hunt for items starting with the 'p' sound.
21 TALKING Use props to tell a story. Use silly voices for different characters.	22 SINGING Recite a nursery rhyme like "Humpty Dumpty." <i>Words are on the back.</i>	23 COUNTING Measure things with blocks—how many blocks long is your arm or foot?	24 READING Let your child "read" along with a favorite book. 	25 WRITING Make a list of your child's favorite words. 	26 PLAYING Sing "Scarecrow, Scarecrow" to practice following directions. <i>Words are on the back.</i>	27 TALKING Talk about what made you happy today.
28 SINGING Clap to the beat of a favorite song.	29 COUNTING Time how long it takes to walk a block.	30 READING Check out books on topics your child loves. Librarians can help.				

Playing to Learn New Words

Play and have fun with words:

- Read a book with lots of made-up words like "How Do You Wokka-Wokka?" by Elizabeth Bluemle. Many books by Dr. Suess also are excellent for this purpose. Try making up more words to go with the story.
- Silly poems are fun and can teach new vocabulary.
- Kids love riddles and jokes, which often use a "play on words." Laugh along as you talk about the answer to the riddle or joke.
- Having fun with words helps your child become more conscious of words and happy to keep learning.



HUMPTY DUMPTY

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

All the king's horses and all the King's men

Could not put Humpty together again.

HICKORY DICKORY DOCK

Hickory Dickory Dock,

The mouse ran up the clock.

The clock struck one

And down he run.

Hickory Dickory Dock

Tick Tock!

SCARECROW, SCARECROW

Sing to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Scarecrow, scarecrow, turn around,

Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch the ground.

Stand up tall and blink your eyes.

Raise your hands up to the sky.

Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch your toes.

Scarecrow, scarecrow, tap your nose.

Swing your arms so very slow,

Now real fast to scare the crows.

Raise your head, jump up and down.

Now sit down without a sound.



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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

For Readers Birth to Pre-K

Happy

by Emma Dodd

Baby, Sleepy Baby

by Atinuke

Flora the Flamingo

Molly Idle

Who am I? An Animal Guessing Game

by Steve Jenkins



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



Ask our librarians about 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, a fun and free program to encourage the love of reading!