

# APRIL 2025

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1 WRITING</b> Write your child a note. Leave it where they will find it. Read it to them with excitement and expression.	<b>2 PLAYING</b> Play a questioning game by asking, "Where are your toes?" "Where is your nose?"	<b>3 TALKING</b> Talk about spring and the seasons. Ask what happens in spring and what comes after.	<b>4 SINGING</b> Sing a song in a high voice; sing it in a low voice. Sing it slow; sing it fast.
<b>5 COUNTING</b> Find two items that are similar but different sizes. Talk about big and little.	<b>6 READING</b> Visit the library in person or online and check out books about spring.	<b>7 WRITING</b> Experiment writing with pencils, crayons, markers, or chalk on paper or cardboard.	<b>8 PLAYING</b> Play follow-the-leader and take turns performing actions. 	<b>9 TALKING</b> Say a favorite nursery rhyme, but change a word to something silly.	<b>10 SINGING</b> Has it been raining a lot? Sing, "Rain, Rain, Go Away." <i>(Lyrics are on the back.)</i>	<b>11 COUNTING</b> Cut a piece of toast in half. Say, "Now we have two pieces the same size." Repeat again to get 4 pieces.
<b>12 READING</b> Teach letter sounds by playing "I Spy." <i>"I spy with my little eye something that begins with S. Yes! A shoe!"</i>	<b>13 WRITING</b> Cut a letter out of cardboard, place it under paper and have your child color over it to reveal the letter.	<b>14 PLAYING</b> Play the letter game. Find things starting with the first letter of your child's name.	<b>15 TALKING</b> Use new describing words today. Say "enormous" instead of "big," or "wonderful" instead of "great."	<b>16 SINGING</b> Sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" during bath time. 	<b>17 COUNTING</b> Count the pages in your child's favorite board book.	<b>18 READING</b> Get caught reading a book. Show your child reading is important by reading yourself.
<b>19 WRITING</b> Help develop fine motor skills by making a dot painting with cotton swabs. 	<b>20 PLAYING</b> Cut out large shapes and place them on the floor. Take turns telling each other which shapes to step on.	<b>21 TALKING</b> Choose a word of the day and write it down. Use the word several times during the day.	<b>22 SINGING</b> Make up a song about something that is familiar or interesting to your child.	<b>23 COUNTING</b> Place objects on a table. Ask which is largest, heaviest or smallest.	<b>24 READING</b> Read a book about flowers, plants or trees. 	<b>25 WRITING</b> Create a writing box with paper and crayons, decorate it, and keep it within easy reach.
<b>26 PLAYING</b> Make a tent with sheets and furniture. Pretend you are camping. What do you see or hear?	<b>27 TALKING</b> Say a favorite rhyme but leave out the last word. Have your child finish it.	<b>28 SINGING</b> Sing "I Hear Thunder." <i>(Lyrics are on the back.)</i>	<b>29 COUNTING</b> Sort blocks by color. Count how many there are of each color. 	<b>30 READING</b> Ask interactive questions while reading together. Where is the dog? Where is the cat?		

## Talking is one of the best ways for children to learn new words.

Speak to your child often during the day and try to use many different words to express your ideas. Children love to imitate, and they will try to imitate your speech. Chances to chat include while you are getting dressed in the morning, eating breakfast, riding in the car, walking from the car to a store, playing together, doing chores, taking a bath, going to bed, and while saying goodnight. Ask open-ended questions, those that require more than a yes or no answer.



### RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY

Rain, rain,  
Go away;  
Come again another day.  
Little [child's name] wants to play  
Rain, rain,  
Go away.

### I HEAR THUNDER

Sing to the tune "Frère Jacques"

I hear thunder, I hear thunder.  
*(Pound hands gently on floor or lap)*

Listen, don't you? Listen, don't you?  
*(Cup hand to ear)*

Pitter, patter raindrops; pitter, patter raindrops;  
*(Wiggle fingers in falling motion in front of face)*

I'm wet through,  
*(Shake body)*

So are you!  
*(Tickle your child)*



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# Books to Read this Month

The following titles and more are available from the Lee County Library System. Ask a librarian for a recommendation or place a hold online. Find ebook selections through Overdrive and hoopla at [www.leelibrary.net](http://www.leelibrary.net).

## For Readers Birth to Pre-K

### When Springs Comes

by Kevin Henkes

### Little Blue Truck's Springtime

by Alice Schertle

### The Very Hungry Caterpillar

by Eric Carle

### Bear Came Along

by Richard T. Morris



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