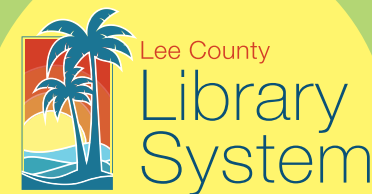


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Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

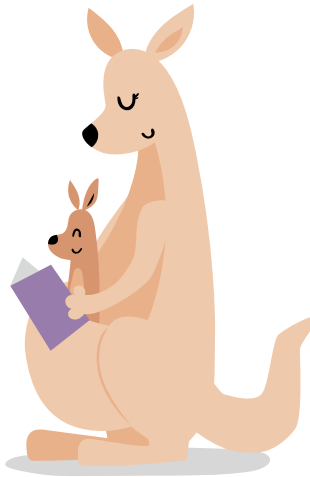


| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  |  |  |  |  | 1 WRITING Practice drawing shapes and letters in a tray of rice. | 2 PLAYING Go on an outdoor scavenger hunt; make a list and check off items. |
| 3 TALKING Say as many words as you can that rhyme with "May." | 4 SINGING Shake a homemade shaker to the beat of a song. | 5 COUNTING Take a walk; vary your step sizes and count steps from your door to the sidewalk. | 6 READING Have your child "read" to you by telling you their own story based on pictures in a book. | 7 WRITING Make a Mother's Day card and have your child sign their name. | 8 PLAYING Play "Riddle Me." <i>"I'm big, yellow and hot. What am I?" (Sun!)</i> | 9 TALKING Talk about feelings and moments that made you laugh today. |
| 10 PLAYING Sing "The Farmer Plants the Seeds" <i>(Words are on the back.)</i> | 11 COUNTING Sing "The Ants Go Marching." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i> | 12 READING Draw a story on 4-5 small papers. Help your child put the papers in the right order to tell the story. | 13 WRITING Play with play dough to strengthen writing muscles. Roll, press, and shape. | 14 PLAYING Play rhyming games: choose a word and find matches (dog, frog, hog, log). | 15 TALKING Take a walk and look for signs of spring: new grass, birds, flowers, leaf buds. | 16 PLAYING Sing a favorite song. Sing it fast, sing it slow. Sing it loud. Whisper it. |
| 17 COUNTING Ask questions about what is heavier. <i>Does an orange or a grape weigh more?</i> | 18 READING Your library's summer reading program is coming soon. Find out more. | 19 WRITING Draw a large alphabet. Have your child practice finger tracing while you say the letters out loud. | 20 PLAYING Go on a shape scavenger hunt outside. | 21 TALKING Talk about days of the week and weekend plans. | 22 PLAYING Play children's songs; sing and dance together. | 23 COUNTING Draw numbers with sidewalk chalk. |
| 24 READING Have your child tell a story about their drawings. | 25 WRITING Label common objects to build word recognition: shoe, table, door. | 26 PLAYING Set up an obstacle course; give directions to run, jump, and touch the ground. | 27 TALKING Pause during reading and ask what your child thinks will happen next. | 28 PLAYING Take turns reciting the alphabet. | 29 COUNTING Count items, like eggs in a carton; explain a dozen. | 30 READING Come up with rhyming words throughout the day. |
| 31 WRITING Scribble on scrap paper. | | | | | | |

Good readers have a large vocabulary.

Knowing lots of words helps children better understand what they read. You can help your children learn lots of words by:

- Having plenty of conversations. Take turns talking. It is important for you to ask questions and listen to what your children say in response.
- Read together! A lot!
- Make connections. Connect what you are reading in books to their lives. "Yes, Grandma has a black cat, too."
- Repetition. Children often love to read the same book over and over. This is a good thing as repeated readings help build vocabulary.



ANTS GO MARCHING

The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah.

The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah.

The ants go marching one by one,

The little one stops to eat a plum.

And they all go marching down,

To the ground, to get out, of the rain.

BOOM BOOM BOOM

Two by two. Tie its shoe.

Three by three. Climb a tree.

Four by four. Shut the door.

Five by five. Take a dive.

Six by six. Pick up sticks.

Seven by seven. Tie a ribbon.

Eight by Eight. Close the gate.

Nine by Nine. Check the time.

Ten by Ten. Say THE END.

THE FARMER PLANTS THE SEEDS

Sing to the tune "The Farmer in the Dell"

The Farmer plants the seeds,

The Farmer plants the seeds, *(Pretend to plant seeds)*

Hi, ho, the dairy-o,

The farmer plants the seeds.

The sun comes out to shine... *(Make large circle with arms)*

The rain begins to fall...

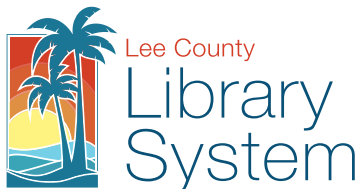
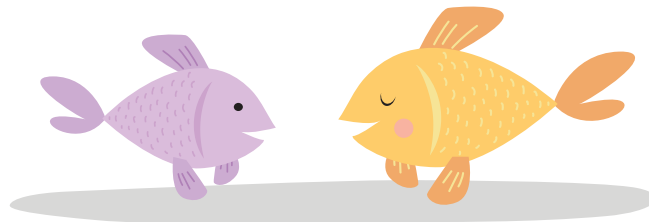
(Hands flutter up and down)

The seeds begin to grow... *(Stand up tall)*

The farmer picks the crops... *(Pretend to pick crops)*

We all sit down to eat...

(Pretend to eat)



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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.

For Readers Birth to Pre-K

You Are My Busy Little Spider

by Eric Carle

Oh No, George!

by Chris Haughton

Planting a Rainbow

by Lois Ehlert

The Book Hog

by Greg Pizzoli



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