

SEPTEMBER 2026

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1 WRITING

Label things today.
Chair. Shoe. Door.
Tell your child what
the labels say.

2 PLAYING

Blow bubbles—this
strengthens muscles
needed for speech.

3 TALKING

Discuss opposites.
Show examples of big
and small. Light and
dark. Night and day.

4 SINGING

Clap your hands to the
beat of a favorite song.

5 COUNTING

Lace Cheerios onto a
piece of yarn and then
count them.

6 READING

Read a book about
insects that are active
in late summer, like
crickets or cicadas.

7 WRITING

Write your to-do list
together. Have your
child complete it.

8 PLAYING

Play alphabet search
today. Take turns
picking a letter and
searching for it
throughout the day.

9 TALKING

Talk about something
your child hasn't
experienced
and explain what
happens.

10 SINGING

How many ways can
you move to the
music? Play a favorite
song and clap,
march, spin, and tap.

11 COUNTING

Count how many red
cars you see today.
Tally up at the end of
the day.

12 READING

Have a friends book
club. Each friend brings
a book for a story time.

13 WRITING

Pop bubble wrap or
play with squirt toys to
develop muscles
needed for writing.

14 PLAYING

Tape a sheet of contact
paper to the wall, sticky
side out. See which
toys stick and which
toys do not.

15 TALKING

Make silly sounds
today. Encourage your
child to imitate you.

16 SINGING

Sing "Now it's bath
time, now it's bath time,
yes, it is" to the tune of
"Frere Jacques."

17 COUNTING

Take a walk and count
how many birds or
squirrels you see.

18 READING

Visit the library and
help your child select
books to check out.

19 WRITING

Use cooked pieces of
spaghetti to make
shapes and letters.

20 PLAYING

Go on a scavenger
hunt today. Look for
things that start with
the letter p, like
a plate, a pan, or a pen.

22 TALKING

Take turns telling each
other simple stories.

22 SINGING

Recite a nursery rhyme
like "Humpty Dumpty."
(*Words are on the back.*)

23 COUNTING

Use blocks to measure
how long something
is. How many blocks
long is your arm,
your foot, etc.?

24 READING

Look at the cover of a
book together and ask
your child what they
think will happen
in the book. Discuss.

25 WRITING

Write your child's
first name. Talk
about the first letter
of their name.

26 SINGING

Sing "Scarecrow,
Scarecrow" and do all
the movements.
(*Words are on the back.*)

27 TALKING

Use family photos
to tell a story with
your child.

28 SINGING

Recite a nursery
rhyme like "Hickory
Dickory Dock."
(*Words are on the back.*)

29 COUNTING

Time how long it takes
to walk one block.
Show your child the
time at the beginning
and at the end.

30 READING

Relate the story in a
book to your child's
experiences.
"Remember when you
saw a red car?"



Playing to Learn New Words

Play and have fun with words:

- Read a book with lots of made-up words like "There's a Wocket in My Pocket!" by Dr. Seuss. Many other books by Dr. Seuss are also excellent choices 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.

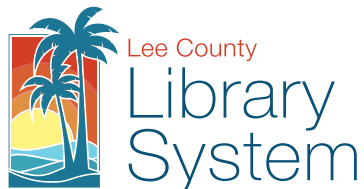
HICKORY DICKORY DOCK

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 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

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
by Bill Martin Jr.

The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned his ABCs the Hard Way
by Patrick McDonnell

Not A Box
by Antoinette Portis

The Pigeon Has Feelings, Too!
by Mo Willems



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