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Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



SUNDAY



MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				1 WRITING	2 PLAYING	3 TALKING
				Start a to-do list for the week. Decide who will do each task.	Cut food pictures from magazines. Let your child choose some and glue them to a paper plate.	Talk about today's weather and what to wear outside.
4 SINGING	8 COUNTING	6 READING	7 WRITING	8 PLAYING	9 TALKING	10 SINGING
Sing "Good Morning" to the tune of "Happy Birthday," using your child's name.	Count out a healthy snack: "One for you, one for me."	Visit the library and check out a new book. Talk about new words as you read.	Write a grocery list together. Check what you need and add it to the list.	Take a walk and find as many different types of leaves as you can.	Expand on what your child says: "Yes, we saw a dog at the park. It was large and brown and wagged its tail."	Take turns singing parts of the alphabet song.
11 COUNTING	12 READING	13 WRITING	14 PLAYING	15 TALKING	16 SINGING	17 COUNTING
Trace each family member's hand. Whose is bigger? Whose is smaller?	Look for letters on license plates. How many can you find?	Write your child's name in large letters. Talk about each letter.	Play "I Spy" with rhyming words: "I spy something that rhymes with fall. Yes, a ball!"	Read a book together. Ask "what" questions: What is happening? What is next?	Sing "Five Little Speckled Frogs." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i>	Choose a spot in your house or on your block. Count how many steps it takes to get there.
18 READING	19 WRITING	20 PLAYING	21 TALKING	22 SINGING	23 COUNTING	24 READING
Hold a favorite book upside down or read it backward. Ask what is "wrong."	Take turns drawing pictures and talking about what you draw.	Play "restaurant." Create a menu together.	Talk about sounds you like. Try making the sounds.	Sing "If You're Happy and You Know It." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i>	Count the pumpkins you see today. Keep a tally.	Read a book about fall.
25 WRITING	26 PLAYING	27 TALKING	28 SINGING	29 COUNTING	30 READING	31 WRITING
Make a list of words that rhyme with "dog."	Play a rhyming riddle game: "What do you see that rhymes with bee? Yes, a tree!"	Smell different things, such as spices, flowers, fruit and cocoa. Which scents do you like or dislike?	Dance to a fast song, then a slow song. Clap along to both.	Name three things that would fit inside a pumpkin and three that would not.	Read a book about Halloween.	Make a list of your favorite things from this month.

Parents are tremendous role models.

If your children see that you think reading is important and enjoy it, they will follow your lead. When you go to the library, check-out books for you and your children. Put your books somewhere at home where your child can see them. Let your children see you reading. Talk about what you've read, even if it is just to say, "That was a good book. I liked reading it."

FIVE LITTLE SPECKLED FROGS

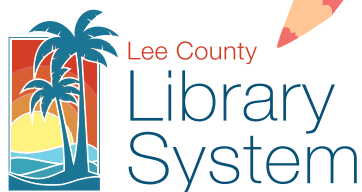
Five Little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating the most delicious bugs
YUM!
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Then there were four speckled frogs.
Then there were three speckled frogs.
Then there were two speckled frogs.
Then there was one speckled frog.
Then there were no speckled frogs.

IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands
(clap, clap)
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands
(clap, clap)
If you're happy and you know and you really
want to show it
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands
(clap, clap)

REPEAT USING:

If you're happy and you know it stomp your feet!
If you're happy and you know it shout Hooray!
If you're happy and you know it do all three.



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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

Ten Tiny Babies

by Karen Katz

Apples and Pumpkins

by Anne F. Rockwell

Room On The Broom

by Julia Donaldson

Jabari Jumps

by Gaia Cornwell



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



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