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Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



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SUNDAY

MONDAY







TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	1 WRITING	2 PLAYING	3 TALKING	4 SINGING	5 COUNTING	6 READING							
	Create a weather chart with your child using pictures and words for Sunny, Cloudy, and Rainy. Each morning this week, check off the day's weather together.	Blow bubbles today. This strengthens muscles needed for speech. 	Discuss opposites. Show examples of big and small, night and day, light and dark.	Clap your hands to the beat of a favorite song. 	Lace Cheerios-type cereal onto a piece of yarn. Count them as you go. 	Read a book about insects that are active in late summer, like crickets or cicadas. Talk about how you can hear them at night.							
7 WRITING	Write your to-do list together. Have your child check off each task as it is completed. 	8 PLAYING	Set up a tinkering station with materials like craft supplies, cardboard, and tape. Children can use their imaginations to create their own inventions.	9 TALKING	Ask your child "What is your favorite game to play?" Talk about why and play it if you can.	10 SINGING	Sing a favorite song in parts. You sing, then your child, then you, and so on.	11 COUNTING	Count aloud as your child puts pebbles in a container one at a time, up to ten.	12 READING	Have a family book club. Each person 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 do not.	15 TALKING	Make silly sounds today. Encourage your child to also make silly sounds.	16 SINGING	Play talent show. Each person sings a song or plays an instrument. (Instruments can be any noise-making items around the house.)	17 COUNTING	Gather common items like a key, comb, toothbrush, and pen. With your child, arrange them from smallest to largest; then, reverse the order from largest to smallest.	18 READING	Pick a favorite book. Ask your child to tell you what happens before you start reading.	19 WRITING	Use your fingers to draw shapes in the air. Take turns guessing what each person drew.	20 PLAYING	Go on a scavenger hunt. Look for things that begin with the "p" sound, like a plate, a pan, a pen.
21 TALKING	Take turns telling each other simple stories. 	22 SINGING	Sing or say "If You're Happy and You know It." <i>(Words are on the back. ➡)</i>	23 COUNTING	Use toy blocks to measure how long something is. How many blocks long is your arm, your foot, etc.?	24 READING	Hang up a piece of paper with the words to "Are You Sleeping?" and sing it every morning and night. <i>(Words are on the back. ➡)</i>	25 WRITING	Write your child's first name. Talk about the first letter of their name. Make the sound and say words that begin with the letter.	26 PLAYING	Play "Hot and Cold." <i>(Instructions are on the back. ➡)</i>	27 TALKING	Use family photos to tell different stories. Encourage your child to tell a story.
28 SINGING	Have a family sing-along. Each person gets to pick a favorite song.	29 COUNTING	Count the number of people in your family. How many kids? How many grownups? How many pets?	30 READING	Ask your child questions as you read to them today. <i>What do you think will happen next? Where did the little dog go?</i>								

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. 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.

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 it and you really want to show it, if you're happy and you know it clap your hands.

(clap, clap)

OTHER VERSES: STOMP YOUR FEET! TURN AROUND! SHOUT HOORAY! DO ALL FOUR!

ARE YOU SLEEPING?

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping?

Brother John, Brother John?

Morning bells are ringing, morning bells are ringing,

Ding ding dong, ding ding dong.



HOT AND COLD

1. Select a household item for hiding.
2. The finder closes their eyes while the hider hides the item somewhere in the room.
3. The finder searches for the item while the hider provide clues.
4. When the finder is close to the item, the hider responds “you're hot!”
5. When The finder is far from the item, the hider responds “you're cold!”
6. Take turns being the hider and the finder.

Books to Read this Month

Check out these books at the library. If they are not available, ask the librarian for a recommendation.

FOR READERS AGES 0-3

A Day at School with the Very Hungry Caterpillar

by Eric Carle

Ploof

by Ben Clanton and Andy Chou Musser

FOR READERS AGES 3+

Signing Around Town - Sign Language for Kids

by Kathryn Clay

William and the Missing Masterpiece

by Helen Hancocks

