JANUARY 2025

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



					THURSDAY		SATURDAY	
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	2 PLAYING	FRIDAY 3 TALKING	4 SINGING	1
				Draw the numbers 2025 and color them with your child. Talk about the upcoming year.	Play "Riddle Me." Take turns offering riddles. I'm white and fluffy and float in the sky. I can be gray when it rains. What am I? Yes! Clouds!	Tell your child about winter weather and how cold it can be in some places. Is your area cold or mild? Share your favorite thing about winter.	Play or sing a song your child is familiar with and act it out while you are singing or while it is playing.	
	5 COUNTING	6 READING	7 WRITING	8 PLAYING	9 TALKING	10 SINGING	11 COUNTING	
•	Weigh your child and write it here: Save the calendar and measure again in June.	Take turns thinking of rhyming words. Whoever comes up with the most wins! "What words can you think of that rhyme with Dad?" Bad! Sad! Add! Mad!	With your child write down (and talk about) important dates on a 2025 calendar.	Create an obstacle course and give your child directions. Go around the chair, go over the book, pick up the spoon, turn around and come back.	Talk about colors. Ask your child what their favorite color is and share what your favorite color is. Talk about things that are those colors.	Play a favorite song and have a silly dance contest.	Measure your child's height and write it here: Save the calendar and measure again in June.	
	12 READING	13 WRITING	14 PLAYING	15 TALKING	16 SINGING	17 COUNTING	18 READING	
	Use your finger to follow along with the words in the book as you read to your child today.	Write these questions and help your child answer them. Then decorate the page. <i>My name is</i> <i>I am years old.</i>	Play "Follow the Leader." Do things and ask your child to do the same. Touch your head, Turn around, Sit down, Stand up again!	Talk about food. Which food do you each think is the most delicious? What do you want to eat for dinner?	Sing or say "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." (Words are on the back. ♠)	Sing or say "Five Little Snowmen." (Words are on the back. (*)	Be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading a book or magazine.	
	19 WRITING	20 PLAYING	21 TALKING	22 SINGING	23 COUNTING	24 READING	25 WRITING	
	Write these questions and help your child answer them. Then decorate the page. My favorite color is My favorite animal is	Go on a scavenger hunt. Look for things that begin with T. Toys, trees, toes.	Help your child place ice cubes in various places inside your home. Talk about which melts first.	Make up silly songs about everyday activities. This is the way we brush our teeth, brush our teeth, brush our teeth, to make them very clean!	Count snacks. How many crackers are there?	Read a book about winter.	Take turns using your finger to draw shapes in the air and guessing what the shape is. <i>Circle, square, triangle, heart,</i> <i>diamond, etc.</i>	
	26 PLAYING	27 TALKING	28 SINGING	29 COUNTING	30 READING	31 WRITING		
	Play "I Spy." Give the first letter of an object as a clue. I spy with my little eye something that begins with D. Yes, dish!	Give your child choices. Would you rather wear your white shirt or your purple shirt? Would you rather play with the ball or the blocks?	Sing or say "Hickory Dickory Dock." (Words are on the back. 🆈)	Measure your feet day! Line up all the family's shoes and boots. Whose are the biggest? The smallest?	Choose a letter of the day. Point out the letter wherever you see it today.	Draw large letters on a sheet of paper. Give your child some clay and have them roll it out to trace the letters.		•

You have been your child's teacher from the day he or she was born.

You know more about your child than anyone else, and you are in the best position to help your child get ready to read. Whether your child is four days old or four years old, it is not too early or too late to help him or her develop pre-reading skills. You can help your child learn language and other literacy skills with simple and fun activities like those in this calendar.

TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR

Twinkle, twinkle, little star How I wonder what you are Up above the world so high Like a diamond in the sky Twinkle, twinkle little star How I wonder what you are

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!

FIVE LITTLE SNOWMEN

Five little snowmen standing in a row, (Hold up five fingers)

Each had a hat and a big red bow. (Put hands on head and then neck)

Out came the sun and stayed all day, (Circle arms overhead)

And one little snowman melted away. (Slump down)

REPEAT WITH 4, 3, 2, 1, UNTIL NO SNOWMEN ARE LEFT.



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

Bundle Up Little Pup by Dori Elys

123 Cats: A Cat Counting Book by Lesléa Newman

FOR READERS AGES 3+

Was It a Cat I Saw? by Laura Bontje

Invisible Things by Andy J. Pizza

