Early literacy begins with you and your child. Help your child get ready to read by doing simple activities every day.

### May 2020

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<td><strong>3</strong> Talk about flowers that are blooming and the different colors you see.</td>
<td><strong>4</strong> Make a necklace for Mom by stringing beads or buttons on yarn or ribbon.</td>
<td><strong>5</strong> Read the “Beehive” rhyme. Repeat the rhyming words bees, sees; hive, five. (rhyme on back)</td>
<td><strong>6</strong> Sing “It is Springtime.” (lyrics on back)</td>
<td><strong>7</strong> Get the mail together and talk about what was received.</td>
<td><strong>1</strong> Play “Springtime I Spy” and look for a robin, tulips and bees.</td>
<td><strong>2</strong> Sing “The Farmer Plants the Seeds.” (lyrics on back)</td>
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<td><strong>10</strong> Happy Mother’s Day! Hug your mom and say “I love you!”</td>
<td><strong>11</strong> Pretend to be your favorite animal! What sounds will you make? How will you move?</td>
<td><strong>12</strong> Read a book about bugs!</td>
<td><strong>13</strong> Opening a clothespin takes a lot of finger strength. Where can you clip a clothespin?</td>
<td><strong>14</strong> Draw pictures of animals with your child.</td>
<td><strong>8</strong> Make a Mother’s Day card for someone you love.</td>
<td><strong>9</strong> Play a fun game with Mom or go for a walk outside with her.</td>
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<td><strong>17</strong> Take a walk and find something tall and something small.</td>
<td><strong>18</strong> Sing “The Grand Old Duke of York” and march around or bounce! (lyrics on back)</td>
<td><strong>19</strong> Draw a picture of what you would like to eat for dinner.</td>
<td><strong>20</strong> Go outside and count how many bugs you find.</td>
<td><strong>21</strong> Point out the first letter of your child’s name. Look for that letter wherever you go today!</td>
<td><strong>15</strong> Read <em>Caps for Sale</em> and see how many hats you can balance on your head!</td>
<td><strong>16</strong> Sing a silly song describing what you do in the morning. Any tune will work!</td>
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<td><strong>24</strong> Sing a song you know and clap along! Share a poem from a book.</td>
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<td><strong>25</strong> Sort LEGOs by color.</td>
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<td><strong>29</strong> Sing the alphabet song using a deep voice and then again using a high voice.</td>
<td><strong>30</strong> Visit the Library website (Kids Page - Birth to 6 - Early Literacy Calendar) to get the June activity calendar.</td>
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**talk • sing • read • write • play**

These are five of the best practices to prepare children to read. Have fun with your child!
The Farmer Plants the Seeds
Tune: The Farmer in the Dell

The farmer plants the seeds,
The farmer plants the seeds,
Hi, ho, the derry-o,
The farmer plants the seeds.

Other verses:
The rain begins to fall…
The sun begins to shine…
The plants begin to grow…
The flowers smile at me…

The Grand Old Duke of York

Oh, the Grand Old Duke of York, (bounce child on your knee)
He had ten thousand men.
He marched them up to the top of the hill, (lift child up high)
And marched them down again. (bring child back down)
Oh, and when they’re up, they’re up. (lift child up high)
And when they’re down, they’re down. (bring child back down)
And when they’re only half way up, (hold child only half as high)
They’re neither up nor down. (Hold child up high, then bring child back down)
He marched them to the left. (lean child to the left)
He marched them to the right. (lean child to the right)
He marched them all around the town. (gently bounce child)
Now wasn’t that a sight!

The Beehive

Here is the beehive. (hold up fist)
Where are the bees?
Hiding away where nobody sees. (point to fist)
Watch as they fly out of their hive
One, two, three, four, five. (hold fingers up one at a time)
Bzzzzzzzzz! (wiggle fingers)

It Is Springtime
Sung To: “Are You Sleeping”

It is springtime, it is springtime
Winter’s gone, winter’s gone
Summertime is coming, summertime is coming
It won’t be long, it won’t be long.

Read Caps for Sale and see how many hats you can balance on your head!

Sort LEGO’s by color.

Read a book about bugs!

Your Library has many resources to help you talk, sing, read, write and play with your child. Visit us soon!

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