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<td><strong>Sing the song “Row, Row, Row Your Boat.”</strong></td>
<td><strong>Talk about the weather today. Is it sunny? Cloudy? Stormy?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Pretend to be different animals. Moo, baa and neigh!</strong></td>
<td><strong>Put sand in the bottom of a tray or pan. Have your child draw shapes or letters with their fingers. Shake container to erase!</strong></td>
<td><strong>Gather leaves that have fallen and make a picture with them.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Sing “All the Leaves are Falling Down.” (lyrics on back)</strong></td>
<td><strong>While driving around, point out and read signs.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Pick up a handful of leaves. Count how many you grabbed.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Sing “The Leaves on the Trees.” (lyrics on back)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Use pipe cleaners to make letters or numbers.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Read a book to your child under a table!</strong></td>
<td><strong>Make faces in the mirror with your child. Talk about what you see!</strong></td>
<td><strong>Write your child’s first name on a paper and have them write over it (or around it).</strong></td>
<td><strong>Play some music and dance!</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Have your child “read” or tell their favorite book or story to you.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Tape a large piece of paper to the table and let your child color with 2-3 crayons or markers.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Sing the alphabet song as quietly as you can!</strong></td>
<td><strong>Visit a pumpkin patch or look at a picture of one. Talk about the pumpkins and their different sizes and shapes.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Glue shapes on a real pumpkin or a paper one to make a funny face.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Sing “The Eensy Weensy Spider.” (rhyme on back)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Read a book, then read it again!</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Go on a walk and talk about the colors of leaves you see.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Sing a favorite song in a silly voice!</strong></td>
<td><strong>Talk about the day’s events before going to bed.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Make dot-to-dot outlines of letters and have your child trace them.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Build with blocks. Can you make a tall tower?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Visit the Library to get the November activity calendar or visit our website (Kids Page - Birth to 6 - Early Literacy Calendar).</strong></td>
<td><strong>Read a Halloween book.</strong></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!
Songs, Rhymes & Fun Activities
Children learn best by doing. Have fun together!

THE LEAVES ON THE TREES
Tune: “The Wheels On The Bus”
The leaves on the trees are yellow and brown,
Yellow and brown, yellow and brown.
The leaves on the trees are yellow and brown,
All around the town.
The leaves on the trees are falling down,
Falling down, falling down.
The leaves from the trees make a crunching sound,
Crunching sound, crunching sound.
The leaves from the trees make a crunching sound
All around the town.
The children in the town jump up and down,
Up and down, up and down.
The children in the town jump up and down
On the leaves on the ground!
- Jean Warren

ALL THE LEAVES ARE FALLING DOWN
Tune: “London Bridge is Falling Down”
All the leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down
(Imitate leaves falling down)
All the leaves are falling down, it is Autumn!

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT
Row, row, row, your boat, gently down the stream,
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream.

THE EENSY WEENSY SPIDER
The eensy weensy spider went up the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain.
Then the eensy weensy spider went up the spout again.

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Put sand in the bottom of a tray or pan. Have your child draw shapes or letters with their fingers. Shake container to erase!

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

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