

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Read to your child every day. Make this a special time to cuddle close!
2 Roll out playdough and use a toothpick or chopstick to write letters.	3 Use measuring spoons and cups to play in water.	4 Have fun singing "Pat-a-Cake," changing the letter and the name. (lyrics on back)	5 Check out a cookbook from the Library or look online and pick a new easy recipe to make together.	6 Draw shapes with a pencil, pen, crayon and marker. Talk about how they look different.	7 Put beans or rice inside a small container and tape it shut. Shake your new shaker to the beat of a song!	8 Talk about the signs you see as you are driving around.
9 Go to a park and talk about locations such as up, down, around, over, under, in, out, etc.	10 Read a book and talk about who authors are and what they do.	11 Draw a tree. What color will you make the leaves?	12 During bath time, name parts of the body - wrist, waist, ankle, heel, etc.	13 Crab walk across the living room or yard!	14 Start a journal with blank pages! See back for more details.	15 Make up a song about things you did today!
16 Make cloud dough outside and have fun! (recipe on back)	17 Wherever you are, look around and talk about all the colors you see.	18 Help your child write a note to a family member or friend.	19 Have a pajama day! Wear your PJs and read in bed or on the couch today.	20 Go outside and look for your shadow. Can you make your shadow dance?	21 Sing "Five Little Speckled Frogs." (lyrics on back)	22 Let your child play with sponges in the bath or pool. Squeezing helps develop fine motor hands muscles.
23 Take books and a blanket outside for a reading picnic!	24 Pretend to be a dinosaur and stomp around the room!	25 Go on a listening walk. What sounds do you hear?	26 Use a paper lunch bag to make a puppet and then tell a story with it.	27 Build with blocks. Make a tower and count the blocks.	28 Sing "The Muffin Man" Replace muffin man with child's name & Drury Lane with street name!	29 Visit the Library to get the September activity calendar or visit our website farmlib.org/for-kids
30 Sing the ABC song. Now try singing it backwards!	31 Read a book about dinosaurs.	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!

Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five little speckled frogs (hold 5 fingers [frogs] on top of your other arm [log])
Sat on a speckled log
Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum, Yum!
One jumped into the pool (jump a finger off log into the pool)
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are four green speckled frogs. Glub! Glub!
(hold up four fingers)

Four little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are three green speckled frogs. Glub! Glub!
(hold up 3 fingers)

Continue with three and two frogs and then...

One little speckled frog
Sat on a speckled log
Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!
It jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are no more speckled frogs. Glub! Glub!

Pat-a-Cake

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake baker's man
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.
Prick it and pat it and mark it with "B"
And put it in the oven for Billy and me.

Make it with chocolate, make it with cream
Make it the prettiest you've ever seen.
Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake baker's man
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake baker's man
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.
Mix it and stir it and bake it just right
Good from the first 'til the very last bite.

Write his name with lots of care
And make pretty flowers here and there.
Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake baker's man
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.
Prick it and pat it and mark it with a "B"
And put it in the oven for Billy and me!



Crab walk across the living room or yard!



Cloud Dough: Add 1 cup of baby oil to 8 cups of flour. Stir.



Start a journal! Make or purchase a journal with blank pages. Have your child write/draw whatever they want. Date each page.

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

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