

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

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Play "Summer I Spy" - look for people wearing sunglasses, shorts, or flip-flops!	2 Are you signed up for the Summer Reading Program? If not, sign up online today. Read!	3 Visit the Story Walk at Heritage Park, starting near the Nature Center parking area.	4 Happy 4 th of July! Find things in your house that are red, white, and blue.
5 Pretend you are a rocketship. Count backwards from ten, jump high, and blast off!	6 Sing a favorite song - sing it slowly and then sing it as fast as you can!	7 Read "Little Bo Peep." Walk around and wag your "tails!" (rhyme on back)	8 Talk about ways to keep cool on a hot day.	9 Blow cotton balls across a table. Pretend to be the wind blowing the clouds!	10 Create a special reading spot inside your house or outside! Have fun reading in it!	11 Go outside and play with chalk. Try writing letters or words.
12 Sing "I'm a Fish." (lyrics on back)	13 Read a book and talk about the characters. Were they happy or sad?	14 Let your child practice cutting scrap paper or old magazine covers.	15 During a meal, cut up some food and count the number of pieces.	16 Draw a picture of what you see from a window in your house.	17 Sing the song "Five Little Ducks." (lyrics and motions on back)	18 Have a "car wash" with buckets, sponges and toy vehicles or ride on toys!
19 Read a story outside today!	20 Read a book about zoo animals.	21 Pretend to be zoo animals. Stomp like an elephant! Roar like a lion! Act like a monkey!	22 Chant "Two Little Bluebirds" and do motions together. (words on back)	23 Record your child singing their favorite song. Play it back for them to hear.	24 Take a walk and talk about all of the red things you see.	25 Practice writing letters in the sand at the beach, playground or sandbox.
26 Use brushes and water to "paint" outside.	27 Draw a picture of your favorite fruit or vegetable.	28 Sing "The Ants Go Marching" while marching around the yard!	29 Play with foam or sponge letters in a pool or the bathtub. Talk about the letters and words.	30 Find some shade under a tree and sing your ABCs.	31 Visit the Library to get the August activity calendar or visit our website farmlib.org/for-kids	

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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 Ducks

Five little ducks went out one day (Hold up 5 fingers)
Over the hill and far away. (Move hand up and down)
When the mama duck said: "Quack! Quack! Quack!"
(Form hand like a beak. Open and close beak fingers.)
Four little ducks came waddling back.
(Hold up 4 fingers and move hand in a waddling motion)

Repeat for **four**, **three** and **two** ducks.

One little duck went out one day. (Hold up 1 finger)
Over the hill and far away. (Move hand up and down)
When the mama duck said "Quack! Quack! Quack!"
No little ducks came waddling back.
(Make hand a fist or form fingers into a zero.)
Sad mama duck said "Quack! Quack! Quack!!"
(Use two hands to make a big beak and clap them together)
And all five little ducks came waddling back!
(Hold up 5 fingers and move hand in a waddling motion.)

Two Little Blue Birds

Two little bluebirds sitting on a hill. (Make fists and stick up thumbs)
One named Jack (Wiggle right thumb)
and one named Jill. (Wiggle left thumb)
Fly away Jack. (Wiggle right thumb behind back)
Fly away Jill. (Wiggle left thumb behind back)
Come back Jack. (Bring back right thumb)
Come back Jill. (Bring back left thumb)

I'm a Fish

Tune: "I'm a little Teapot"

I'm a little fishy, I can swim.
Here is my tail and here is my fin.
When I want to have fun with my friends,
I wiggle my tail and dive right in!

Little Bo-Peep

Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep,
And can't tell where to find them;
Leave them alone, and they'll come home,
Wagging their tails behind them.



Have a "car wash" with buckets, sponges, and toy vehicles or ride on toys!



Use brushes and water to "paint" outside



Play with foam or sponge letters in a pool or the bathtub. Talk about the letters and words.

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

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