

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

June 2025



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 Talk with your child about the summer reading program that starts today! What book do you want to read first?	2 Let your child practice picking up small items with tweezers.	3 Watch for construction vehicles around town. Find books at the Library to read about them!	4 Sing your ABCs to a stuffed animal or to a real one!	5 When you share a book today, let your child turn the pages.	6 Chant "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom" and have fun counting backwards together! (words on back)	7 Blow bubbles and chase them around the yard.
8 Pick up a favorite book and read it again!	9 Talk about some favorite animals and what you like about them.	10 Have your child draw a picture and then write down what they say about it.	11 Use tape to make a "road" on the floor and play with cars.	12 Sing "Here's a Bubble." (lyrics on back)	13 Go on a nature walk and collect a few things. Make a collage together.	14 Make a card for your dad or another special someone.
15 Sing "Happy Father's Day to You!" (lyrics on back)	16 Read an alphabet book. Our Library's concept collection has many good choices.	17 Tap out a rhythm with a spoon and pan. Have your child repeat the pattern.	18 Join us for Randy Kaplan's concert @ Riley Park! 7 p.m. (OR see Bichini Bia Congo on 6/25)	19 Read "Little Miss Muffet." (rhyme on back). See if you can find spiders inside or outside!	20 Summer begins today! Talk to your child about your favorite things to do in the summer.	21 Sing "Mr. Sun." (lyrics with motions on back)
22 Draw a picture of your house and talk about it.	23 Fill a sink or large container with water and put in items to see if they sink or float.	24 Is it hot today? Talk about the sun and how plants grow.	25 Record your child singing their favorite song. Play it back for him/her to hear!	26 Read a non-fiction (true) book about nature or the seasons to welcome summer.	27 Draw pictures of items that you want to buy at the grocery store.	28 Pretend to be a bunny and hop around your yard!
29 "Fingerpaint" with yogurt on a plate.	30 Visit the Library to get the July activity calendar or visit our website farmlib.org/for-kids					

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!



Let your child practice picking up small items with tweezers.

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

Zoom, zoom, zoom, (*rub hands together, back and forth*)
We're going to the moon. (*point to the sky*)
Zoom, zoom, zoom, (*rub hands together, back and forth, again*)
We'll get there very soon. (*point to the sky, again*)
5, 4, 3, 2, 1, (*hold 5 fingers up and count down*)
Blast off! (*toss child up gently in the air or jump off ground together*)

Oh Mr. Sun

Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, (*hold arms above head in a circle*)
Please shine down on me. (*lower arms, point to self*)

Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, (*hold arms above head in a circle*)
Hiding behind a tree. (*put hands in front of face*)

These little children are asking you (*point to others in area*)
To please come out so we can play with you. (*beckon with arm*)
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, (*hold arms above head in a circle*)
Please shine down on me. (*lower arms, point to self*)



Use tape to make a "road" on the floor and play with cars.

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Here's a Bubble

Sung to: "Where is Thumbkin?"

Here's a bubble, here's a bubble.
Big and round; big and round.
See it floating gently,
See it floating gently,
To the ground; to the ground.

Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey;
Along came a spider,
Who sat down beside her,
And frightened Miss Muffet away.

Happy Father's Day to You!

Sung to: "Happy Birthday"

Happy Father's Day to you!
Happy Father's Day to you!
Happy Father's Day to my Daddy!
Happy Father's Day to you!



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

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