

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

# February 2023



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1 Talk about shadows. Look for them today.	2 Make up a story about a furry groundhog!	3 Sing "Love, Love, Love." (lyrics on back)	4 Is there still snow outside? Go play in it! If not, throw pretend snowballs at each other!
5 Tell your child what you are doing as you make a snack or meal. Talk about the tools you use.	6 Read a counting book today.	7 Play with a flashlight and make shadows on a wall!	8 Make valentines today.	9 Pretend you are a mail carrier delivering valentines.	10 Sing "If You Love Me and You Know It!" (lyrics on back)	11 Draw hearts. What colors will you use?
12 Make letters using pieces of cereal.	13 Check out a VOX/ talking book from the library. You can read <i>and</i> listen to it!	14 Hide cut-out hearts around the house and have your child find them.	15 Sing "I'm a Little Teapot" fast and slow. (lyrics on back)	16 "Write" letters on your child's back with your finger. Talk about the letters.	17 Pretend you have a cold. Hold your nose and sing the alphabet song!	18 Build a tower with blocks. How many blocks did you use?
19 Have an indoor picnic on the living room floor.	20 Talk about your favorite winter activity.	21 Read a book about your favorite animal. See if you can learn a new fact.	22 Tell someone you love them.	23 Give 10 hugs! Count as you hug.	24 Play some music and move around—sing, dance and clap your hands!	25 Write your child's name and then together count the letters. How many letters are there?
26 Today is Fairy Tale Day! Read your favorite tale.	27 Look at the cover of a picture book. Predict what it will be about and then read it.	28 Visit the Library to get the March activity calendar or visit our website ( <i>Kids Page-Birth to 6 - Early Literacy Calendar</i> ).	  			

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!



Make up a story about a furry groundhog.

## Love, Love, Love

Sung to: "Three Blind Mice"

Love, Love, Love.  
Love, Love, Love.  
See how it grows.  
See how it grows.  
I love my friends and they love me.  
We love others and then, you see,  
There's more than enough for everyone!  
Love, love, love.  
Love, love, love.



Make letters using pieces of cereal.

## If You Love Me and You Know It

Sung to: "If You're Happy and You Know It"

If you love me and you know it, clap your hands! (clap hands twice)  
If you love me and you know it, clap your hands! (clap hands twice)  
If you love me and you know it,  
Then your face will surely show it.  
If you love me and you know it, clap your hands! (clap hands twice)

Play with a flashlight and make shadows on a wall.



## I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little teapot short and stout.  
Here is my handle (place one hand on hip).  
Here is my spout (outstretch other hand).  
When I get all steamed up, hear me shout!  
Tip me over and pour me out (lean body over toward "spout")!



Have an indoor picnic on the living room floor!

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

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