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Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY						
4 SINGING	5 COUNTING	6 READING	7 WRITING	8 PLAYING	9 TALKING	10 SINGING
Sing "good morning" using the Happy Birthday song. <i>Good morning to you, good morning to you, good morning to you, good morning to you.</i> (child's name), good morning to you.	Work with your child to draw an imaginary monster. Ask your child how many arms, eyes, teeth? What color?	Go to the library and take out a new book. Talk about new words you come across while reading the new book.	Write a grocery list together. Walk around the kitchen checking what you might need and add it to the list.	Take a walk outside. Collect colorful leaves. Try to find as many different types as possible.	Use interesting new words. For example, <i>delightful</i> in place of <i>good</i> , <i>voracious</i> in place of <i>hungry</i> , <i>scrumptious</i> in place of <i>delicious</i> .	Take turns singing bits of the alphabet song. 
MONDAY						
TUESDAY						
WEDNESDAY						
THURSDAY						
1 WRITING	2 PLAYING	3 TALKING	4 SINGING	5 COUNTING	6 READING	7 WRITING
Look out the window with your child and create a list of everything you see, using both pictures and words.	Make your own masks and use them in play. (Instructions are on the back. ➡)	Talk about the weather today and what you should wear to go outside. 	Take a walk outside. Collect colorful leaves. Try to find as many different types as possible.	Write a grocery list together. Walk around the kitchen checking what you might need and add it to the list.	Go to the library and take out a new book. Talk about new words you come across while reading the new book.	Sing "good morning" using the Happy Birthday song. <i>Good morning to you, good morning to you, good morning to you, good morning to you.</i> (child's name), good morning to you.
11 COUNTING	12 READING	13 WRITING	14 PLAYING	15 TALKING	16 SINGING	17 COUNTING
Trace the hand of each person in your family. Whose hand is bigger? Whose is smaller?	Spot letters on license plates today. Call them out as you see them. 	Write your child's name in big letters. Decorate the page and hang it where they can see it.	Play "I Spy" with rhyming words. <i>I spy with my little eye something that rhymes with pie. What is it? Yes, Sky!</i>	Together draw a picture of a bus. Create a short story about the bus's journey. Where is it going? Why are the passengers getting on and off?	Sing "Five Little Speckled Frogs." (Words are on the back. ➡)	Pick a point in your house or on your block. Count the steps to get there. 
18 READING	19 WRITING	20 PLAYING	21 TALKING	22 SINGING	23 COUNTING	24 READING
Hold a favorite book upside-down or start reading it backwards. Talk about what is "wrong" with the way you are reading the book.	Work together to plan a walk around your neighborhood. Draw a map before you go and use it while you are walking.	Play "restaurant." Create a menu together. 	Use interesting expressions. <i>I'm all ears in place of I'm listening.</i>	Sing "Five Little Ducks." (Words are on the back. ➡)	Count the pumpkins you see today. Keep a tally.	Read a book about fall.
25 WRITING	26 PLAYING	27 TALKING	28 SINGING	29 COUNTING	30 READING	31 WRITING
Write a list of words that rhyme with dog. 	Play a rhyming riddle game. <i>What do you see that rhymes with bee? Yes, a tree!</i>	Smell different things and talk about them: spices, flowers, fruit, and cocoa. Which scents do you like or dislike?	Dance to a fast song and then dance to a slow song. Clap along to both songs.	Roll a die. Count the dots each time.	Read a book about Halloween.	Draw a giant letter and drive a toy car along it.

Books to Read this Month

Check out these books at the library. If they are not available, ask the librarian for a recommendation.

FOR READERS AGES 0-3

Fall Frolic in the City
by Cathy Goldberg Fishman

A Pinecone!
by Helen Yoon

FOR READERS AGES 3+

A Tree is a Home
by Pamela Hickman

There's a Ghost in This House
by Oliver Jeffers



Parents are tremendous role models.

If your children see that you think reading is important and enjoy it, they will follow your lead. When you go to the library, check-out books for you and your children. Put your books somewhere at home where your child can see them. Let your children see you reading. Talk about what you've read, even if it is just to say, "That was a good book. I liked reading it."

FIVE LITTLE SPECKLED FROGS

Five little speckled frogs

(hold up five fingers)

Sat on a speckled log

Eating the most delicious bugs

YUM!

One jumped into the pool

(put down one finger)

Where it was nice and cool

Then there were four speckled frogs

(hold up four fingers)

START OVER FROM THE BEGINNING BUT
WITH FOUR SPECKLED FROGS, THREE
SPECKLED FROGS, TWO SPECKLED FROGS,
ONE SPECKLED FROG. "THEN THERE WERE NO
SPECKLED FROGS!"



FIVE LITTLE DUCKS

Five little ducks

Went out one day

Over the hill and far

away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack,

quack, quack,"

But only four little

ducks came back,

Four little ducks

Went out one day

Over the hill and far

away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack,

quack, quack,"

But only three little

ducks came back,

Three little ducks

Went out one day

Over the hill and far

away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack,

quack, quack,"

But only two little

ducks came back,

Two little ducks

Went out one day

Over the hill and far

away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack,

quack, quack,"

But only one little

duck came back,

One little duck

Went out one day

Over the hill and far

away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack,

quack, quack,"

But none of the five

little ducks came

back,

Sad mother duck

Went out one day

Over the hill and far

away

The sad mother

duck said

"Quack, quack,

quack, quack,"

And all of the five

little ducks came

back,

PAPER PLATE MASKS

Cut eye holes in a paper plate. Color or paint your mask. Add yarn, feathers, or paper shapes. Attach string or a stick to hold.