

MAY 2025

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

4 SINGING

Play talent show. Take turns singing and dancing.

5 COUNTING

Find different-sized twigs. Ask your child to hand you the longest, shortest, etc.

6 READING

Ask your child to 'read' to you by telling a story based on pictures in a book.

7 WRITING

Make a card for a friend and have your child 'sign' their name.

1 WRITING

Play with play dough. It strengthens muscles needed for writing.

2 PLAYING

Do an outdoor scavenger hunt. Find a tree, car, flower, bird, bus, etc.

3 TALKING

Take turns saying words that rhyme with May. Play, stay, way.



11 COUNTING

Sing *The Ants Go Marching*. (Words on back.)



12 READING

Draw 4-5 pictures of a story and help your child put the papers in order.

13 WRITING

Draw a large alphabet. Have your child trace each letter and say them out loud together.

14 PLAYING

Choose a word and then come up with as many rhyming words as you can.

15 TALKING

Talk about signs of Spring such as grass, birds, flowers and leaf buds.

16 SINGING

Sing a favourite song. Sing it fast. Sing it slow. Whisper it.

17 COUNTING

Compare weights. Is an orange or a grape heavier? Whose shoes are heaviest?

18 READING

Ask Library Staff when Summer Reading Club starts.



19 WRITING

Draw pictures together. Label the things you draw.



20 PLAYING

Pretend you are an explorer. Talk about what you see.



21 TALKING

Sound out words today. Would you like a ba-ba-ba-nana? Banana begins with B.

22 SINGING

Involve your child in creating a song about their interests, favourite stories, or experiences.

23 COUNTING

Draw numbers on the sidewalk with chalk. Say them as you step on them.

24 READING

Visit the library. Encourage your child to take the lead reading. Let them select the books.

25 WRITING

Label common objects to help your child recognize words: shoe, table, door, floor.

26 PLAYING

Set up an obstacle course. Go to the park bench. Touch the tree. Come back to me.

27 TALKING

Before you get to the end of a book, ask your child what they think will happen next.

28 SINGING

Take turns singing the letters of the alphabet.



29 COUNTING

Explain that 12 items together is also called a dozen. Use an egg carton as a visual aid.

30 READING

Act out a part from the story you are reading.

31 WRITING

Make a list of things you liked best about this month.

Good readers have a large vocabulary.

Knowing lots of words helps children better understand what they read. You can help your children learn lots of words by:

- Having plenty of conversations. Take turns talking. It is important for you to ask questions and listen to what your children say in response.
- Read together! A lot!
- Make connections. Connect what you are reading in books to their lives. "Yes, Grandma has a black cat, too."
- Repetition. Children often love to read the same book over and over. This is a good thing as repeated readings help build vocabulary.



ANTS GO MARCHING

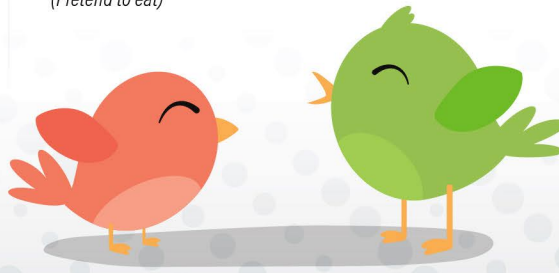
The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah.
The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah.
The ants go marching one by one,
The little one stops to eat a plum.
And they all go marching down,
To the ground, to get out of the rain.
BOOM BOOM BOOM

Two by two. Tie its shoe.
Three by three. Climb a tree.
Four by four. Shut the door.
Five by five. Take a dive.
Six by six. Pick up sticks.
Seven by seven. Tie a ribbon.
Eight by Eight. Close the gate.
Nine by Nine. Check the time.
Ten by Ten. Say THE END.

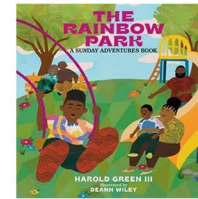
THE FARMER PLANTS THE SEEDS

Sing to the tune "The Farmer in the Dell"

The Farmer plants the seeds,
The Farmer plants the seeds, *(Pretend to plant seeds)*
Hi, ho, the dairy-o,
The farmer plants the seeds.
The sun comes out to shine... *(Make large circle with arms)*
The rain begins to fall...
(Hands flutter up and down)
The seeds begin to grow... *(Stand up tall)*
The farmer picks the crops... *(Pretend to pick crops)*
We all sit down to eat...
(Pretend to eat)



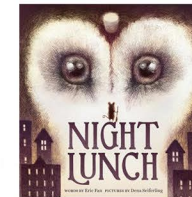
Books to Read this Month



The Rainbow Park
Harold Green III



BUGS
Britta Teckentrup



Night Lunch
Eric Fan

Even More...

Looking for more ways to help build literacy skills?

May 5 - 11 is Screen-free Week.

Visit your library for screen-free fun.



Visit a Civic Museum for FREE
kids.hpl.ca/museum