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Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 WRITING Start a list of activities to do this week. Talk about it and decide who will do each.	2 PLAYING Make a collage. Let your child arrange cutout shapes on paper and glue them in place.	3 TALKING Talk about the weather today and what you should wear to go outside. 	4 SINGING Sing a Good Morning song to the Happy Birthday tune. "Good morning to you ..." 	5 COUNTING Work with your child to draw an imaginary monster. Talk about what it will look like.
6 READING Borrow a book at the Library. Talk about new words you see while reading the book.	7 WRITING Write a grocery list together. Check what you need in the kitchen and make a list.	8 PLAYING Go for a walk and collect colourful leaves. Try to find many different types.	9 TALKING Use new words such as delightful for good and voracious in place of hungry.	10 SINGING Take turns singing bits of the alphabet song. 	11 COUNTING Trace the hand of each person in your family. Whose hand is bigger? Smaller?	12 READING Spot letters on licence plates today. Call them out as you see them. 
13 WRITING Write your child's name in big letters. Decorate the page and hang it where they can see it.	14 PLAYING Play I Spy with rhyming words. I spy with my little eye something that rhymes with pie. Yes, sky.	15 TALKING Make flashcards with pictures of objects, animals, or actions. Ask your child to say what they see.	16 SINGING Sing <i>Five Little Speckled Frogs</i> . (Words on back.)	17 COUNTING Pick a point in your house or on your block. Count the steps to get there. 	18 READING Hold a favourite book upside down or read it backwards. Talk about what is 'wrong'.	19 WRITING Work together to draw a map and plan a walk in your neighbourhood.
20 PLAYING Play restaurant. Create a menu together. 	21 TALKING Use interesting expressions. "I'm all ears" in place of "I'm listening."	22 SINGING Sing <i>Five Little Ducks</i> . (Words on back.)	23 COUNTING Count the pumpkins you see today. Keep a tally.	24 READING Read a book about Fall.	25 WRITING Write a list of words that rhyme with dog.	26 PLAYING Play a rhyming riddle game. What do you see that rhymes with bee? Yes, a tree.
27 TALKING Smell and talk about spices, flowers, fruit and cocoa. Which scents do you like or dislike?	28 SINGING Dance to a fast song and then a slow song. Clap along to both songs.	29 COUNTING Create patterns with your child using everyday objects like coloured blocks.	30 READING Read a book about Halloween.	31 WRITING Spend time scribbling today. 		

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

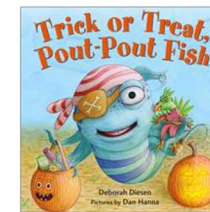
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."

And all of the five little ducks came back.

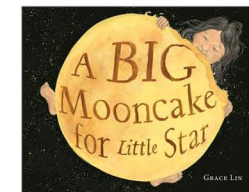
Books to Read this Month



Oh No, George!
Chris Haughton



Trick or Treat, Pout Pout Fish
Deborah Diesen



A Big Mooncake for Little Star
Grace Lin

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