

FEBRUARY 2024

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				1 WRITING Ask your little one to draw a picture and describe what's happening in it.	2 PLAYING Play the yes-no game. Is the sky purple? Is the dog pink? Is the door closed? 	3 TALKING Ask open-ended questions like: "what is something fun we did today?"
4 SINGING Clap to a favourite song. Emphasize the slow and the fast parts. 	5 COUNTING Count the days on a calendar to Valentine's Day. Draw a heart on February 14.	6 READING Stop before the end of a story and ask: "What do you think will happen?"	7 WRITING Let your child scribble and draw. Encourage them to 'sign' it.	8 PLAYING Go on a scavenger hunt. Look for red items: stop signs, apples, etc.	9 TALKING Imagine you are going to the moon in a rocket ship. What do you see?	10 SINGING Say or sing <i>Zoom Zoom Zoom</i> together. (Words on back.)
11 COUNTING Count your steps from your bed to the front door. To the corner.	12 READING Pick a letter of the day and look for it wherever you go.	13 WRITING Sing the Alphabet Song. Make the letters with your finger. (Words on back.)	14 PLAYING Put numbers on paper hearts. Call out each and ask your child to find it.	15 TALKING Talk about today's plans. Ask what your child is excited to do or see. 	16 SINGING Sing or Say <i>The More We Get Together</i> . (Words on back.)	17 COUNTING Recite the rhyme, <i>One, Two, Buckle My Shoe</i> . (Words on back.) 
18 READING Talk about what books might be about by just looking at the covers.	19 WRITING Draw shapes or letters on paper and ask your child to trace them. 	20 PLAYING Make a tent with blankets and pretend to camp. Draw hiking maps.	21 TALKING Use a new descriptive word such as "delighted" rather than "happy."	22 SINGING Sing a favourite song together. Add silly words or your child's name.	23 COUNTING Set up a store with household items. Take turns being the shopper and clerk.	24 READING Point out signs everywhere today. Explain what they say and mean. 
25 WRITING Make a chart of family likes: favourite colours, seasons, songs, etc.	26 PLAYING Make lines or shapes on the floor with masking tape. Walk along them.	27 TALKING Talk about 'on' and 'off' when you put on and take off hats and jackets.	28 SINGING Make music with pots, pans and spoons. Sing and dance to the music.	29 COUNTING Use building blocks to create towers. Count the blocks as you stack them.		

How we read to children is as important as how often we read to them.

No matter what your child's age, reading together — or shared reading — is the single most important activity you can do to help your child get ready to read. Engage your child in back-and-forth conversations about the books you read. Children learn more words when they have the opportunity to respond to questions. If English is not your first language, speak to your child in the language you know best. This allows you to explain things to your child more fluently.

ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM

Zoom Zoom Zoom,
We're going to the moon,
(point to the sky)

Zoom Zoom Zoom,
We're leaving very soon,
If you want to take a trip,
Climb aboard my rocket ship,

Zoom Zoom Zoom,
We're going to the moon,
(point to the sky)

Zoom Zoom Zoom,
We're leaving very soon.

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Lift off!
(children can jump up or lift baby up)

ALPHABET SONG

A-B-C-D-E-F-G
H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O-P
Q-R-S ... T-U-V
W-X ... Y and Z
Now I know my ABCs
Next time won't you sing with me?

THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER

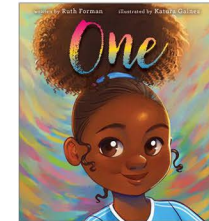
The more we get together
Together, together
The more we get together
The happier we'll be
'Cause your friends are my friends
And my friends are your friends
The more we get together
The happier we'll be

ONE, TWO, BUCKLE MY SHOE

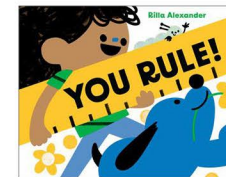
One, two; buckle my shoe.
Three, four; shut the door.
Five, six; pick up sticks.
Seven, eight; don't be late.
Nine, ten; do it over again!



Books to Read this Month



One
Ruth Forman



You Rule!
Rilla Alexander



The Last Two Crayons
Leah Freeman-Haskin

Even More...

Looking for more educational family activities?

Attend a Winterfest Event
hpl.ca/winterfest-events

Join us for a Black History Month Event
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