

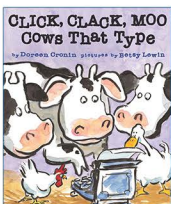
SEPTEMBER 2020

DAILY LITERACY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | Have fun scribbling today! Use different kinds of paper, pens, markers, crayons, etc. | Blow bubbles! This strengthens muscles needed for speech. | As you tell a story, use new words and explain what they mean. | Clap your hands to the beat of your favourite song. | Use paper shapes and string to make a necklace. Then count all the paper shapes you used. |
| | | 1 WRITE | 2 PLAY | 3 TALK | 4 SING | 5 COUNT |
| Read an eBook about late summer insects like crickets or cicadas. | Make a to-do list together and check off each item as it is completed. | Play Alphabet Search. Pick a letter and search for it. | Make a list of new words and explain what they mean. | How many ways can you move to the music? Play a favourite song and clap, march, spin and tap. | Count how many red cars you see today. Tally at the end of the day. | Read a story with everyone in your house. |
| 6 READ | 7 WRITE | 8 PLAY | 9 TALK | 10 SING | 11 COUNT | 12 READ |
| Pop bubble wrap or play with squirt toys to build muscles needed for writing. | Play sink or float with your toys. See which toys sink and which toys float. | Make silly sounds today. Encourage your child to imitate you. | Sing, <i>Now It's Bath Time, Now It's Bath Time. Yes, It Is</i> , to the tune of <i>Frère Jacques</i> . | Take a walk and count how many birds or squirrels you see. | Read an eBook together. | Use string to make shapes and letters. |
| 13 WRITE | 14 PLAY | 15 TALK | 16 SING | 17 COUNT | 18 READ | 19 WRITE |
| Go on a scavenger hunt. Look for things that start with a 'P' like plate, pan, and pen. | Use simple props to tell a story. Use silly voices for different characters. | Recite a nursery rhyme such as <i>Humpty Dumpty</i> . (Lyrics on next page.) | Use your arms to measure big things like your couch. How many arm lengths is your couch, your hallway, your table? | Pick your child's favourite book. When you come to a favourite part, encourage your child to 'read' | Work together to make a list of your child's favourite words. | Sing <i>Scarecrow, Scarecrow</i> to practice following directions. (Lyrics on next page.) |
| 20 PLAY | 21 TALK | 22 SING | 23 COUNT | 24 READ | 25 WRITE | 26 PLAY |
| Use family photos to tell different stories. Encourage your child to tell a story. | Recite a nursery rhyme like <i>Hickory Dickory Dock</i> . (Lyrics on next page.) | Time yourself. How long does it take to walk one block? Show your child the time at the beginning and at the end. | Check out an eBook on a topic of interest to your child. | | | |
| 27 TALK | 28 SING | 29 COUNT | 30 READ | | | |

BOOKS TO READ THIS MONTH

0-3 YEARS



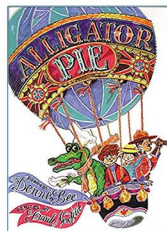
Click Clack Moo
by Doreen Cronin

3+ YEARS



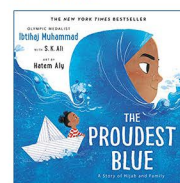
The Scarecrow
by Beth Ferry

3+ YEARS



Alligator Pie
by Dennis Lee

3+ YEARS



The Proudest Blue
by Ibtihaj Muhammad

Playing to Learn New Words



- Read a book with lots of made-up words like Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, by Bill Martin Junior. Many books by Dr. Seuss also are excellent for this purpose. Try making up more words to go with the story.
- Silly poems are fun and can teach new vocabulary.
- Kids love riddles and jokes, which often play on words. Laugh along as you talk about the answer to the riddle or joke.
- Have fun with words to help your child become more conscious of vocabulary and eager to learn more.

Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty
sat on a wall.

Humpty Dumpty
had a great fall.

All the king's horses
and all the King's men

Could not put Humpty
together again.

Scarecrow, Scarecrow

Sing to the tune *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*

Scarecrow, scarecrow, turn around,

Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch the ground.

Stand up tall and blink your eyes.

Raise your hands up to the sky.

Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch your toes.

Scarecrow, scarecrow, tap your nose.

Swing your arms so very slow,

Now real fast to scare the crows.

Raise your head, jump up and down.

Now sit down without a sound.

Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory Dickory Dock,

The mouse ran up the clock.

The clock struck one

And down he run.

Hickory Dickory Dock

Tick Tock