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Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

3 TALKING Encourage your child to talk to Library Staff about a book they like and earn a sticker for Summer Reading Club. 	4 SINGING Make music with items at home like pots, pans, spoons, boxes and cups.	5 COUNTING Talk about time. How long does it take to get to the park or the Library?	6 READING Read a non-fiction book about birds. Say the rhyme <i>If I Were a Bird</i> . (Words on back.)	7 WRITING Label items in your childrens' room: bed, dresser, book, closet. Discuss each.	8 PLAYING Play with blocks. What can you make? Form the blocks into a letter shape. 	9 TALKING Go on an alphabet walk. Talk about things that begin with different letter sounds.
10 SINGING Sing or say <i>The Itsy Bitsy Spider</i> .  (Words on back.)	11 COUNTING Put the family's shoes in order from biggest to smallest. 	12 READING Relate the story in a book to your child's experiences. "Remember when you saw a dog?"	13 WRITING Draw a picture of an important family member. Be sure to 'sign' it.	14 PLAYING Play What Fits? Will the car fit inside your shoe? Will your shoe fit inside the car?	15 TALKING Visit the Library. Talk about books, toys, games and programs offered for Summer Reading Club.	16 SINGING Pick a new kind of music you haven't listened to before. Listen together. Discuss.
17 COUNTING Set the table for a meal. How many plates do you need? Utensils? Napkins?	18 READING Have a family storytime. Each person picks a book. 	19 WRITING Print your child's name and let them trace it using crayons, markers, or their fingers 	20 PLAYING Play the yes-no game about time. Is it time for breakfast? Is it time to read?	21 TALKING At bedtime, talk about what you did throughout the day. What will you do tomorrow?	22 SINGING Sing a good morning song to greet your child when they wake up.	23 COUNTING Count out loud as you add chocolate chips or sprinkles to a drawing of a cookie.
24 READING Go to the library and pick out a new book.	25 WRITING Print the first letter in your child's name. Make the sound and say words that begin with it.	26 PLAYING Sing <i>Scarecrow</i> , <i>Scarecrow</i> and do all the movements. (Words on back.)	27 TALKING Offer choices today. Do you want this book or that one? Water or milk?	28 SINGING Take turns singing bits of favourite songs.	29 COUNTING Trace around your hand and around your child's hand. Talk about the difference in size.	30 READING Check out a magazine at the Library. Look at the photos. Tell stories about the images
31 WRITING Use playdough to shape your child's first name.						

Children's reading success in kindergarten and beyond begins with positive language and literacy experiences from the time they are infants.

- Young children have shorter attention spans. You can do activities for short bits of time throughout the day or whenever you have the chance.
- You can help your children learn in ways and at times that are best for them.
- Children learn best by doing—and they love doing things with YOU!

THE ITSY BITSY SPIDER

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout.

(Move fingers up toward sky)

Down came the rain and washed the spider out.

(Bring fingers down and back)

Out came the sun and dried up all the rain

(Move arms up over head)

And the itsy bitsy spider climbed up the spout again.

(Move fingers up toward sky)

REPEAT WITH "GREAT BIG SPIDER" USING A GRUFF, DEEP VOICE.



IF I WERE A BIRD

If I were a bird, I'd sing a song

And fly about the whole day long.

And when the night comes, go to rest,

Up in my cozy little nest.

SCARECROW, SCARECROW *Sing to the tune of "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.

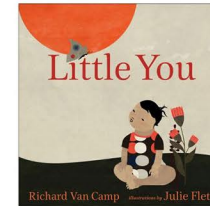
Swing your arms so very slow,

Now real fast to scare the crows.

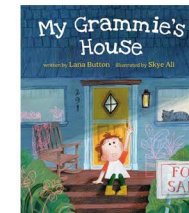
Raise your head, jump up and down.

Now sit down without a sound.

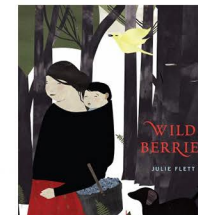
Books to Read this Month



Little You
Richard Van Camp



My Grammie's House
Lana Button



Wild Berries
Julie Flett

Even More...



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