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Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY

MONDAY






TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1 WRITING Make a to-do list this week. Talk about who will do each task.	2 PLAYING Make a collage. Cut out shapes and let your child glue them on paper.	3 TALKING Talk about the weather today and what you should wear to go outside. 	4 SINGING Attend the Telling Tales Festival today. Sing along with the musicians. tellingtales.org
5 COUNTING Attend the Telling tales Festival today. Count the storybook characters. tellingtales.org	6 READING Hold a favourite book upside down or read it backwards.	7 WRITING Write a grocery list together.	8 PLAYING Visit an HPL branch and look at the colourful leaves on route.	9 TALKING Use new words: say 'delightful' for good and 'scrumptious' for delicious.	10 SINGING Take turns singing bits of the alphabet song. 	11 COUNTING Trace the hand of each person in your family. Whose is biggest? Smallest?
12 READING Call out letters you see on license plates today. 	13 WRITING Write your child's name in big letters. Decorate them and hang it up.	14 PLAYING Play I Spy. I spy with my little eye something that rhymes with pie. Yes, sky.	15 TALKING Ask your child to identify images on homemade flashcards.	16 SINGING Sing <i>Five Green and Speckled Frogs</i> . (Words on back.)	17 COUNTING Pick a point in your home or on your block. Count the steps to get there.	18 READING Borrow a book at HPL. Talk about new words you see while reading it.
19 WRITING Plan a walk around your neighbourhood. Draw a map and follow it.	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 Visit an HPL branch. Find a book from the Telling Tales Reading list. (Link on back.)	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 scents from flowers, fruit and fall air. Which do you like?	28 SINGING Dance to a fast song and then a slow song. Clap along to both songs.	29 COUNTING Create patterns using everyday objects like coloured blocks.	30 READING Attend a Pumpkin Storytime at HPL this week.	31 WRITING Spend time scribbling today.	

Parents are great role models.

If your children see you enjoying reading, 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 GREEN AND SPECKLED FROGS

Five green and 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
green 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



**Aggie and
the Ghost**
Matthew Forsythe



It's Fall!
Renée Kurilla



**From Seed
to Pumpkin**
Jill McDonald

Even More...



Attend a Pumpkin Palooza Program
hpl.ca/pumpkin-events



Telling Tales Reading List
hpl.ca/tt-reads



Fire Truck Programs
hpl.ca/firefighter