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Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 WRITING Place paper, sticky notes, whiteboards, stencils, crayons and markers around home to encourage writing.	2 PLAYING Play the Yes-No game. Is the sky purple? Is the cat pink? Is the door closed? 	3 TALKING Ask your child questions that have more than a yes or no answer. What is something fun we did today and what can we do tomorrow?	4 SINGING Make up songs that involve specific actions, like jumping, spinning, or waving. Sing instructions to guide the movements.	5 COUNTING Clap and count to 10. Then, clap and count backwards to one.	6 READING Read a library book together. Ask your child to predict what will happen at the end.	7 WRITING Let your child scribble and draw. Encourage them to "sign" their name on the drawing.
8 PLAYING Go on a scavenger hunt. Look for things that are red like stop signs, blankets, shirts, socks and Valentine's Day decorations.	9 TALKING Sit on the floor and imagine you are going to the moon in a rocket ship. What do you see? There goes a house, there go the clouds, there's the moon.	10 SINGING Say or sing Zoom Zoom Zoom together. (Words on back.)	11 COUNTING Count your steps today: from the bedroom to the kitchen, from the front door to the corner and back home.	12 READING Pick a letter of the day and look for it in your travels: on license plates, at the grocery store and in books you are reading together.	13 WRITING Write a thank-you note with your child. They can draw on the note or sign their name.	14 PLAYING Happy Valentine's Day. Place paper hearts with numbers written on them, on the floor. Call out numbers for your child to find.
15 TALKING Talk about your family's plans for today. What is your child excited to do or see? 	16 SINGING Sing or say The More we Get Together. (Words on back.) 	17 COUNTING Recite the rhyme, One, Two, Buckle My Shoe. (Words on back.) 	18 READING Visit hpl.ca/online. Find an eAudiobook to listen to with your child.	19 WRITING Trace shapes and letters in a shallow tray of flour, salt, or baking soda. 	20 PLAYING Make a tent out of blankets and pretend to be camping in the forest. Draw maps and use them to take hikes around home.	21 TALKING Introduce a new word to describe how you feel. Say "I am delighted" rather than "I am happy."
22 SINGING Sing or say a favourite song together. Change the words to make it silly or to include your child's name.	23 COUNTING Play store. Use items at home to sell and take turns being the shopper and checkout clerk.	24 READING Point out signs everywhere today. Explain what they say and how they help. 	25 WRITING Make a chart of family favourites. List family member names and their favourite colour, ice cream flavour, fruit, etc.	26 PLAYING Use masking tape to make lines or shapes on the floor. Walk along the tape like a pretend balance beam.	27 TALKING Talk about concepts like "on" and "off" when you put on and take off hats and jackets.	28 SINGING Make music with items you have at home: pots, pans, spoons. Sing and dance to the music you make.

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

No matter what your child's age, reading together with your child—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,

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,

Zoom Zoom Zoom,
We're leaving very soon.

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Lift off!

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; lay them straight.
Nine, ten; begin again!



Books to Read this Month



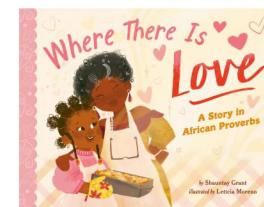
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Sylvia Chen



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