

MAY 2026

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

							1 WRITING	2 PLAYING
							Play with play dough—it strengthens muscles needed for writing.	Create a simple scavenger hunt at home and ask your child to walk, crawl, or tiptoe to find each item.
3 TALKING	4 SINGING	5 COUNTING	6 READING	7 WRITING	8 PLAYING	9 TALKING		
Take turns saying as many words as you can that rhyme with May. 	Make up simple melodies to go along with everyday activities, like getting dressed or cleaning. Use familiar tunes and add new lyrics.	Go for a walk and find three different-sized twigs. Talk about shorter and longer. Ask your child to hand you the longest, the shortest, etc.	Ask your child to 'read' a story to you, based on pictures in a book.	Make a Mother's Day card and have your child 'sign' their name. Scribbles are OK.	Turn on upbeat music for a non-stop dance party. Jump, spin and stomp until the song ends.	Talk about feelings you felt today. What made you laugh?		
10 SINGING	11 COUNTING	12 READING	13 WRITING	14 PLAYING	15 TALKING	16 SINGING		
Sing The Farmer Plants the Seeds. <i>(Words on back.)</i>	Sing The Ants Go Marching.  <i>(Words on back)</i>	Draw pictures to a story on paper. Help your child put the papers in sequence to tell the story.	Draw a large alphabet. Have your child practice finger tracing while you say the letters out loud.	Pretend to hula hoop while saying the alphabet forward and backward. If you have a hula hoop, use it.	Look for signs of Spring. Go for a walk and talk about what you see. Point out new grass, birds, first flowers, leaf buds.	Sing a favourite song. Sing it fast. Sing it slow. Whisper it.		
17 COUNTING	18 READING	19 WRITING	20 PLAYING	21 TALKING	22 SINGING	23 COUNTING		
Ask questions about what is heavier. Does an orange or a grape weigh more? Is Mom's shoe or your shoe heavier?	Find out about Hamilton Public Library's Summer Reading Club. It launches June 27. 	Draw pictures together. Label the images you draw. 	Go outside and work on your jumping skills. Lay a rope on the ground and jump over it as you sing. 	Enunciate words today. Would you like a ba-ba-banana? Banana begins with B! Can you close the d-d-d-door? Door begins with D!	Create songs with your child about their interests, favourite stories, or experiences.	Make two piles of a snack then compare the piles. Which is more and which is less?		
24 READING	25 WRITING	26 PLAYING	27 TALKING	28 SINGING	29 COUNTING	30 READING		
Point to words as you read together.	Help your child recognize words of common objects by labeling them: Shoe, Table, Door, Floor.	Use a basket and recycled paper to make paper balls to throw into the basket from a distance.	When reading a book today stop before you get to the end and ask your child what they think will happen next.	You: ABCDEFG Child: HIJKLMNPO 	Count the number of eggs in a carton. Explain that 12 items together is also called a dozen.	Act out something from the story you are reading.		
31 WRITING								
Make a list of things you liked best about this month.								

SCORE! for Movement Month

SCORE! is a community-based research project in Hamilton that supports families in creating active routines. Healthy bodies help build healthy minds. Regular physical activity helps children build strength, coordination, confidence and the skills they need to enjoy movement throughout life.



ANTS GO MARCHING

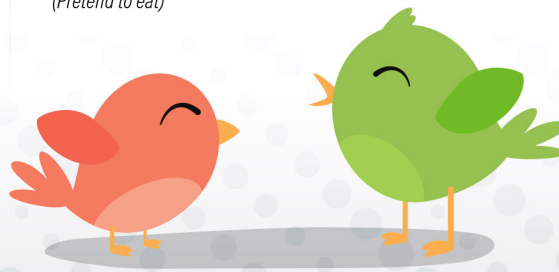
The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah.
The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah.
The ants go marching one by one,
The little one stops to eat a plum.
And they all go marching down,
To the ground, to get out of the rain.
BOOM BOOM BOOM

Two by two. Tie its shoe.
Three by three. Climb a tree.
Four by four. Shut the door.
Five by five. Take a dive.
Six by six. Pick up sticks.
Seven by seven. Tie a ribbon.
Eight by Eight. Close the gate.
Nine by Nine. Check the time.
Ten by Ten. Say THE END.

THE FARMER PLANTS THE SEEDS

Sing to the tune "The Farmer in the Dell"

The Farmer plants the seeds,
The Farmer plants the seeds, *(Pretend to plant seeds)*
Hi, ho, the dairy-o,
The farmer plants the seeds.
The sun comes out to shine... *(Make large circle with arms)*
The rain begins to fall...
(Hands flutter up and down)
The seeds begin to grow... *(Stand up tall)*
The farmer picks the crops... *(Pretend to pick crops)*
We all sit down to eat...
(Pretend to eat)



Books to Read this Month



The Magical Yet
Angela Diterlizzi



Can You Do This?
Megan Roy



Baby Loves Sports
Addie Vaughters

Even More...



May is Dance and Movement Month
hpl.ca/move



May is also Music Month
hpl.ca/kids-music