

OCTOBER 2023

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY

1 WRITING

Start a to-do list this week. Talk about it and decide who will do each.

MONDAY

2 PLAYING

Make a collage. Cut shapes, let your child arrange them on a paper and then glue them on.

TUESDAY

3 TALKING

Talk about the weather today and what you should wear to go outside.



WEDNESDAY

4 SINGING

Sing a Good Morning song using the *Happy Birthday* tune.

THURSDAY

5 COUNTING

Draw an imaginary monster. Ask your child how many arms, eyes, teeth and colours?

FRIDAY

6 READING

Borrow a book at the library. Talk about new words you come across while reading it.

SATURDAY

7 WRITING

Write a grocery list together. Check to see what you already have to make your list.

8 PLAYING

Take a walk outside. Collect colourful leaves. Try to find many different types.

9 TALKING

Use interesting new words: say 'delightful' instead of 'good', 'voracious' for 'hungry', etc.

10 SINGING

Take turns singing bits of the alphabet song.



11 COUNTING

Trace the hand of each person in your family. Whose hand is bigger? Whose is smaller?

12 READING

Spot letters on license plates today. Call them out as you see them.



13 WRITING

Write your child's name in big letters. Decorate the page and hang it for all to see.

14 PLAYING

Play *I Spy* with rhyming words. I spy with my little eye something that rhymes with pie. Yes, sky.

15 TALKING

Read a book together. Ask 'What' questions.

16 SINGING

Sing *Five Little Ducks*. (Words on back)

17 COUNTING

Pick a point on your block. Count the steps to get there.



18 READING

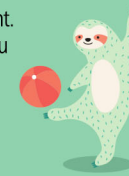
Read a book upside-down or backwards. Talk about why this is a tricky way to read a story.

19 WRITING

Draw a map of a walk you plan to do around your neighbourhood. Follow it while walking.

20 PLAYING

Play restaurant. Create a menu together.



21 TALKING

Use interesting expressions. Say: 'I'm all ears' in place of 'I'm listening.'

22 SINGING

Sing *Scarecrow Scarecrow*. (Words on back)

23 COUNTING

Count the pumpkins you see today. Keep a tally.

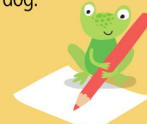
24 READING

Read a book about Fall.



25 WRITING

Write a list of words that rhyme with dog.



26 PLAYING

Play a rhyming riddle game. Ex: 'What do you see that rhymes with bee?'

27 TALKING

Smell and talk about different items: spices, flowers, fruit and cocoa. Which scents do you like?

28 SINGING

Dance to a fast song and then a slow song. Clap along to both songs.

29 COUNTING

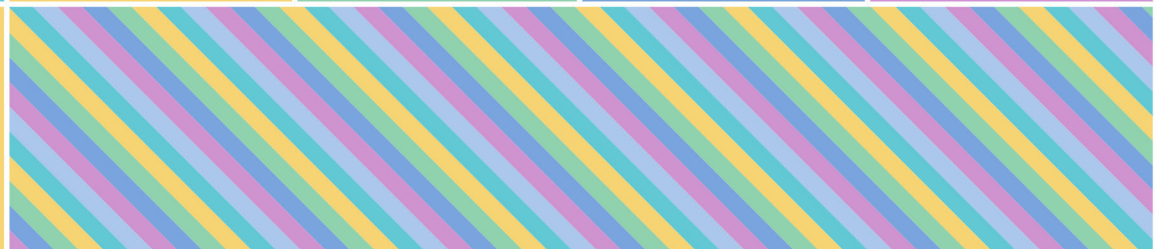
Talk about three items that fit inside a pumpkin and three that won't fit.

30 READING

Read a book about Halloween.

31 WRITING

Spend time scribbling today.



Parents are tremendous role models.

If your children see you reading and enjoying it, 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's just to say: "That was a good book. I liked reading it."

SCARECROW, SCARECROW

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.

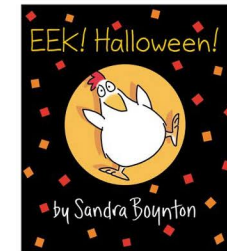
Raise your head, jump up and down.

Now sit down without a sound.

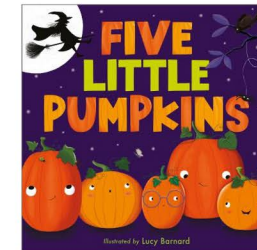
FIVE LITTLE DUCKS

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.	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.	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.
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.	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.	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.

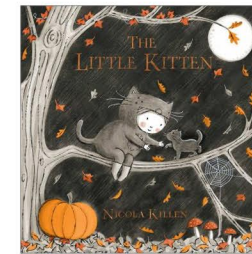
Books to Read this Month



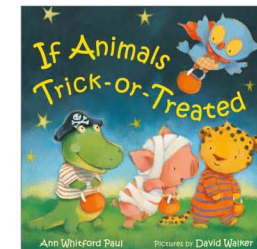
EEK! Halloween!
Sandra Boynton



Five Little Pumpkins
Lucy Barnard



The Little Kitten
Nicola Killen



**If Animals
Trick-or-Treated**
Ann Whitford Paul