

JUNE 2023

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 WRITING Draw outside with sidewalk chalk. Draw letters and shapes. 	2 PLAYING Sit on cushions on the floor and pretend to be in a boat. Sing <i>Row, Row, Row, Your Boat</i> . (Words on back.)	3 TALKING Pick out a family snapshot or random picture and ask your child to tell you about it. Create a story.
4 SINGING Recite <i>I'm a Little Teapot</i> . (Words on back.)	5 COUNTING Measure your child's height and write it here: How does it compare to January?	6 READING Look at the covers of books together. Talk about what the book might be about.	7 WRITING Draw the outline of your child's hand. Write the date and have your child 'sign' the drawing.	8 PLAYING Tape paper letters on plastic cups. Roll a ball to knock over the cups. Call out the letters on the cups that fall over.	9 TALKING Talk about summer. What do you like to do in summer? How are summer and winter different?	10 SINGING Sing a favourite song to your child. Then sing it again but change a few words to make it silly.
11 COUNTING Weigh your child and write it here: How does it compare to January?	12 READING Read a book about flowers and plants. 	13 WRITING In the morning write today's to-do list. Check things off as you do them.	14 PLAYING Play Leap Frog with stuffed animals. Explain that players resemble frogs leaping through the air.	15 TALKING Talk about favourite colours and count how many times you see it today.	16 SINGING Recite the nursery rhyme <i>Diddle Diddle Dumpling</i> . (Words on back.)	17 COUNTING Put numbers on small rocks and pebbles and help your child put them in order.
18 READING Go to the library and pick out a book about summer.	19 WRITING Write a word on paper and add it to a jar. Take turns pulling a paper then discuss the word.	20 PLAYING Play <i>Red Light, Green Light</i> . (Instructions on back.) 	21 TALKING Ask W questions after reading a book: Who, What, Where, When, Why?	22 SINGING Sing one of your children's favourite books. 	23 COUNTING Count the number of kisses you give your child today. Keep a running tally. 	24 READING Look at a magazine together. Explain some of the pictures or illustrations.
25 WRITING Work with your child to practice tracing. Draw big letters and shapes for them to trace.	26 PLAYING Pretend you are swimming in the ocean. Describe the fish, plants, sand and seashells. 	27 TALKING Talk about food. What do you like to eat? What should you eat for dinner? 	28 SINGING Have a parade. Put on music and march around. Pretend to play instruments.	29 COUNTING Sort items from your grocery bag together.	30 READING While reading a familiar book today, pause here and there to allow your child to say some of the words. 	

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One way children learn vocabulary is from listening to stories. They listen to understand what is being said, which helps them learn new words. Stories aren't just found in books. You can tell stories about your day, your memories from growing up, or something about your child's life. You can also use wordless picture books and make up a story together. With wordless books, you can develop imagination along with language and vocabulary skills. Make it fun. Having fun with words helps your child become more aware of words and eager to learn more.

I'M A LITTLE TEAPOT

I'm a little teapot
short and stout.
Here is my handle,
here is my spout.

When I get all steamed up,
hear me shout.
Tip me over
and pour me out.

ROW YOUR BOAT

Row, Row, Row, Your Boat
Gently Down the Stream
Merrily, Merrily, Merrily, Merrily
Life is But a Dream

DIDDLE DIDDLE DUMPLING

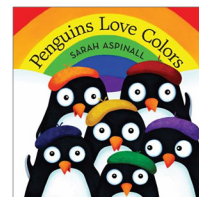
Diddle diddle dumpling, my son John
Went to bed with his trousers on
One shoe off, and one shoe on
Diddle diddle dumpling, my son John.

RED LIGHT GREEN LIGHT

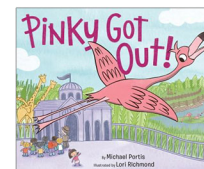
One person is the traffic light. When they say green light everyone can move toward the finish line. When they say red light everyone must immediately stop. Continues until everyone reaches the finish line.



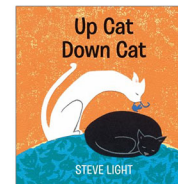
Books to Read this Month



Penguins Love Colours
Sarah Aspinall



Pinky Got Out!
Michael Portis



Up Cat, Down Cat
Steve Light

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