

# April 2017

## Month of the Young Child Early Literacy Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Sing Move Read Play</p>						<p>1 Take a trip to the grocery store today. Point out the different shapes you see in the store such as signs or food.</p>
<p>2 Sing the Wheels on the Bus, don't forget to add the motions.</p>	<p>3 Listen to your favorite song and have a dance party with your stuffed animals.</p>	<p>4 Pretend to make your favorite meal, or make up your favorite dessert.</p>	<p>5 When reading a book to your child ask them what they think will happen next.</p>	<p>6 Practice writing the letters in your name. Try writing the names of your family members too.</p>	<p>7 Pretend you're an animal, how does the animal walk, talk, eat?</p>	<p>8 Songs are a great way to learn another language. Listen &amp; sing to Frere Jacques to learn French, or De-colores to learn Spanish.</p>
<p>9 Explore the cover of a book with your child. Ask them what they think the book will be about.</p>	<p>10 Create a puppet show for your family and stuffed animals.</p>	<p>11 Make up a song with your child incorporating their name into the song.</p>	<p>12 Have your child thread a string or pipe cleaner with beads or Cheerios. This will help them build up the muscles they will need when learning to write.</p>	<p>13 Attend storytime at your local library! Don't forget to sing and move along to the songs.</p>	<p>14 Sing the ABCs, try singing it slow, fast, super fast, and then backwards.</p>	<p>15 Go for a walk today. Point out all the different colors you see.</p>
<p>16 Childhood is messy! Play in the dirt today and plant seeds for Spring flowers.</p>	<p>17 Did you know you can download music and audio books using Hoopla? Stream some children's music today</p>	<p>18 April showers bring May flowers, read a book about flowers or spring.</p>	<p>19 Learn a baby bounce song, like Smooth Road, or Mother and Father and Uncle John.</p>	<p>20 Attend a storytime today and stay afterwards to play with and meet other families.</p>	<p>21 Practice fine motor skills with your child by making pancakes today! Let them mix the batter or help measure ingredients.</p>	<p>22 Ask your local librarian what their favorite childhood book was. Share yours with them.</p>
<p>23 Do the Itsy Bitsy Spider during bath time tonight. During the rain part, sprinkle water down your child's back for fun!</p>	<p>24 Ask your child to have them read you a bedtime story. Let them create their own stories and endings.</p>	<p>25 Blow bubbles during bath time and count how many bubbles you can blow out at one time. Race to see who can pop them all.</p>	<p>26 Practice waving hello and goodbye. Can you wave quickly? Slowly?</p>	<p>27 Sing Slippery Fish and pretend to be a fish.</p>	<p>28 Count how many letters there are in your name. How about in the word April?</p>	<p>29 Sing a bedtime song to your toys tonight.</p>
<p>30 Dia de los Ninos! Attend a program today at the library or read a special book to your child.</p>						