

EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR

JUNE
2024

SUNDAY



St. Louis
County
Library

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

2 SING

Make a shaker by filling a plastic bottle with rice or beans. Shake and sing to your favorite song!

3 WRITE

Draw or scribble with chalk on the sidewalk or on a piece of construction paper.

4 PLAY

Paint over your chalk drawing from yesterday with water. What happens to the chalk when you paint it?

5 READ

Gather several books and talk about which you would like to read first, second, etc.

6 TALK

Play a rhyming game! What words can you think of that rhyme with cat?

7 SING

Sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" with new animals. What did the zebra say?

8 WRITE

Make a clothespin game and pretend to pick up pipe cleaner worms with clothespin birds.

9 PLAY

Use stuffed animals as puppets and put on a puppet show.

10 READ

Emphasize letter sounds today. *Would you like a b-b-banana? Banana begins with the letter B!*

11 TALK

Count the number of steps on a staircase while going up or down a flight of stairs.

12 SING

Visit the library and check out a book you can sing. Look in nonfiction under J782.42 for lots of choices.

13 WRITE

Write the letters of your name with glue. Cover the glue letters with popsicle sticks, pom poms or small scraps of paper.

14 PLAY

Take tummy time outside to feel the grass. Big kids, get some fun sensory input by rolling down a grassy hill.

15 READ

Point out store signs and ask your child what they mean. Recognizing symbols is one of the first kinds of reading.

16 TALK

Try a new food and talk about how it tastes. Is it sweet, spicy, bland, salty or sour?

17 SING

Sing a campfire song like "The Bear Went Over the Mountain."

18 WRITE

Draw pictures to make a list of things you would take on a camping trip.

19 PLAY

Make a picnic and go camping in the yard for National Camping Month.

20 READ

Read a story about camping like "Camping with Lily and Milo" by Pauline Oud.

21 SING

It's the first day of summer! Play some music and have a summer dance party.

22 TALK

Talk about the places you could go on a camping trip. Would you like to visit a beach or a forest?

23 WRITE

Draw a campfire or scribble with yellow and orange crayons.

24 PLAY

Drape a sheet over furniture to make a tent for pretend camping. Grab a blanket, books and snacks for an indoor campfire story time.

25 READ

Happy birthday, Eric Carle! Read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and talk about foods you like to eat.

26 TALK

Ask your child a question that requires a choice. *Do you want an apple or a banana with lunch?*

27 SING



Sing "Apples and Bananas" with Gracies' Corner.

28 WRITE

Pick up cooked spaghetti for some sensory play fun. Practice a pincer grasp using your index finger and thumb.

29 PLAY

Add a colorful sponge to bath time play. Build hand strength by soaking up water with the sponge and squeezing it out.

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FIVE BEST PRACTICES TO HELP YOUR CHILD GET READY TO READ:



READ

Reading together helps your child develop a love of reading and become a strong reader.



TALK

Talking with your child helps them learn new words and understand how language works.



SING

Singing helps your child hear the sounds in words and builds their vocabulary.



WRITE

Writing helps your child learn that letters and words represent sounds and have meaning.



PLAY

Active, hands-on play helps your child express themselves and understand their world.

Picture Book BINGO Challenge 2024

Register online at slcl.beanstack.org and complete 3 early literacy activities to be automatically entered into an electronic raffle for this month's featured picture book.

Ages 0-5.

READ

Read the dedication "For Gabriel" on the first page of the book. Can you name the letters or their colors?

TALK

The insects in the story are looking for a good place to live. What would you have in your own good place to live?

WRITE

Lucy Cousins created the illustrations in the story with paint. Paint or draw your own insects and flowers inspired by her art.

PLAY

Flap like a butterfly, crawl like a beetle, glide like a dragonfly or waggle like a bee. What other insect movements can you make?

READ



"A Good Place" by Lucy Cousins.

SING



Dance with a scarf to "Flutter Flutter" by Johnette Downing.

TALK

Look at the endpapers, the pages attached to the cover of the book. Talk about how the beginning and end ones are alike and different.

WRITE

Squish and squeeze dirt and water together to create sculptures. Looking for less mess? Use playdough instead!

PLAY

Go outside and create art with leaves, stones or other found items. Not sure where to start? Look online for "ephemeral art."

