

EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY
2024

SUNDAY



St. Louis
County
Library

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

4 **WRITE**

It's Thank a Mail Carrier Day! Scribble a picture for your mail carrier.

11 **WRITE**

Make art using red and white paint. What happens when you mix the colors together?

18 **TALK**

Draw a variety of feeling faces (happy, sad, mad). Name the emotions shown and act them out.

25 **WRITE**

Use your finger to draw a shape in the air and have a friend guess what the shape is.

5 **SING**

Sing a counting song like "Five Green and Speckled Frogs."

12 **PLAY**

Explore your world with simple science tools like measuring cups and rulers.

19 **SING**

Make a shaker using paper plates and dried beans.

26 **PLAY**

Play an I Spy letter sounds game!
I spy with my little eye something that begins with the sound /k/ like cat.

6 **PLAY**

Make a ramp with a piece of cardboard and try rolling different items on it.

13 **TALK**

Learn to sign hello or another word in American Sign Language.

20 **WRITE**

Practice cutting with scrap paper or old magazines. Can you cut straight lines and wavy lines?

27 **READ**

Look at a magazine and talk about the letters and pictures you see.

7 **READ**

Visit the library to check out a Wonderbook or VOX Book—a picture and audio book in one.

14 **SING**

Read a nursery rhyme book like "Over in the Meadow" by Jane Cabrera.

21 **PLAY**

Follow directions through an at-home obstacle course.
Go over the pillow, around the chair and under the table.

28 **TALK**

Narrate what your child is doing while they play.
"You're driving the red truck!"

1 **PLAY**

Is it cold outside? Place ice cubes in containers outside and inside and observe which melts first.

8 **TALK**

Make up your own story based on the pictures in a book.

15 **WRITE**

Pull fabric scraps or scarves out of an old tissue box.

22 **READ**

Explore moving your fingers and turning pages while reading a lift-the-flap book.

29 **SING**

It's time for a freeze dance. Play some music and start dancing. When the music stops, everyone freeze!

2 **TALK**

Happy Groundhog Day! What might a groundhog see today?

9 **SING**

Read a book based on a song like "Bing! Bang! Chugga! Beep!" by Bill Martin, Jr. and Michael Sampson.

16 **PLAY**

Use a scarf to play a game of peek-a-boo.

23 **TALK**

Practice counting by counting to 10 and backwards from 10. Can you count even higher?

3 **READ**

Spot letters on license plates and call them out as you see them.

10 **READ**

Happy birthday, Lucy Cousins! Read a story about Maisy the mouse and her friends.

17 **READ**

Fill a jar with pieces of paper with letters on them. Pick one letter each day and go on a letter hunt for it.

24 **SING**

Play different types of music (pop, hip-hop, country, classical, R&B) and dance along.

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

The sound words repeat and build on each other in this cumulative story. Run your finger under the repeated words as you say them.

TALK

This book takes place in a red brick apartment building. Talk about the place you live and the people who live there.

WRITE

The letters in this book are written in many different styles. Find the letter "A" in the story and try writing it a few ways.

PLAY

Play a game of flashlight tag like Benny, Cairo and Miles.

READ



"Everybody in the Red Brick Building" by Anne Wynter.

SING

Sing your favorite lullaby to help baby Izzie fall asleep.

TALK

After the noisy sounds wake up everyone in the building, the calming sounds help them fall asleep. Talk about your bedtime routine and the sounds you hear.

WRITE

Create collage art like the illustrator Oge Mora. Use paint, crayons, scrap paper or other materials you have around the house.

PLAY

This book is full of sound words! Go on a sound hunt around your home or neighborhood and write or draw the sounds you hear.



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