**EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR**

**MARCH 2024**

**SUNDAY**
3 SING
Clap each letter while singing the ABCs.

**MONDAY**
4 WRITE
Draw on an empty cardboard box while sitting inside it.

**TUESDAY**
5 PLAY
Make a getting dressed game. What comes first, shoes or socks?

**WEDNESDAY**
6 READ
Read a book with photographs of babies or young children.

**THURSDAY**
7 TALK
Look at family pictures and talk about the people in your family.

**FRIDAY**
1 READ
Read a book about rainy day fun like "Let's Go Puddling!" by Emma Perry.

**SATURDAY**
2 TALK
Talk about today's weather. Is it rainy, windy, sunny, or something else?

3 SING
Sing a counting song like "Five Little Ducks."

4 WRITE
Create a picture by gluing yarn pieces to a sheet of paper.

5 PLAY
Roll playdough snakes and practice using safety scissors by cutting them into pieces.

6 READ
Read a book about the moon like "A Big Mooncake for Little Star" by Grace Lin and talk about it's phases.

7 TALK
Sit on the floor and imagine you are going to the moon in a rocket ship. What do you see?

8 SING
Sing "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom."

9 WRITE
Draw with your fingers on a zip-top bag of paint. Tape the bag to the floor to engage little ones during tummy time.

10 PLAY
Move your body like different animals. Can you hop like a bunny or stretch like a cat?

11 READ
Read the title of a book. Can you think of other words that start with the same sound as a word in the title?

12 TALK
Talk about the pictures in a book instead of reading the words.

13 SING
Dance and sing in the kitchen with pots and pans. What other objects can you find around the house that make music?

14 WRITE
Pour a little salt on a cookie sheet and write letters in it with your fingers.

15 PLAY
Go on a color hunt to find green things around the house.

16 READ
Explore the library's nonfiction section to find a true story about one of your favorite things.

17 TALK
Describe what you hear and smell while making dinner.

18 SING
Happy birthday, Bill Martin, Jr. Read "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" or sing it to the tune of the ABC song.

19 WRITE
Play a game of patty cake as you clap, roll and stretch your hands.

20 TALK
Talk about body parts. What do your eyes, ears, mouth and nose do?

21 SING
Check out a music CD from the library and have a dance party!

22 TALK
Have fun playing with bubbles. Can you catch them with your hands?
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.

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**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.**

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<td>Go outside and look at the clouds. What shapes do you see?</td>
<td>Draw your own versions of Ploof with many different facial expressions.</td>
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<td>Decorate the outside of a plastic grocery bag, tie the handles together with a long string and take it outside on a windy day to fly as a kite.</td>
<td>“Ploof” by Ben Clanton and Andy Chou Musser.</td>
<td>Sing the “If You’re Happy and You Know It” Feelings Version.</td>
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<td>Squirt shaving cream on a table and write letters in it with your fingers or a paintbrush.</td>
<td>Talk about the feelings shown on Ploof’s face in the book’s illustrations.</td>
<td>Ploof plays hide and seek in the sky and on the farm. Count from 10 to 1 as you play your own game of hide and seek.</td>
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