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Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 WRITING Plan a picnic. Together, write a list of things you will need to bring. Check off the list as you locate the items.	2 PLAYING Play store. Set up a store with your child's toys. Take turns being the check-out clerk and the shopper.
3 TALKING	4 SINGING	5 COUNTING	6 READING	7 WRITING	⁸ PLAYING	9 TALKING
Talk about today's weather. What should you wear?	Sing a song with movement, like "BINGO." (Words are on the back. >)	Have your child help cook with a recipe. Say the steps as you go. Now we will need two eggs, one cup of water, etc.	Look at the cover of a book before reading it. Point out the book's title and say "The name of this book is"	Write a short message and tuck it in your child's shoe. Read it together when your child finds it.	Play "Follow the Leader" outside. Take turns being the leader.	Use a fruit or vegetable your child loves. Talk about how it looks, tastes, smells, feels. Where does it grow? Where do you purchase it?
10 SINGING	11 COUNTING	12 READING	13 WRITING	14 PLAYING	15 TALKING	16 SINGING
Play music with a fast tempo as you pick up and put away toys. Who can pick up the most toys?	Compare amounts. You have more crackers than I do. I have more blueberries than you do.	Vary your voice as you read. Use different expressions to help your child learn about feelings.	Draw the outline of your child's hand on a piece of paper. Write the date and have your child "sign" the drawing. Save it.	Play the letter day game. Look for things that begin with the first letter of your child's name.	Take a walk outside. Talk about all you see. Talk about the weather and how it is different than in winter.	Sing or recite "Mary Had a Little Lamb." (Words are on the back.)
17 COUNTING	18 READING	19 WRITING	20 PLAYING	21 TALKING	22 SINGING	23 COUNTING
Use a piece of string to measure things. What is shorter? What is longer?	After reading a book together have a conversation. Talk about your favorite parts.	Help your child draw a picture of a summer activity. Have your child "sign" the picture.	Use water to "paint" on the sidewalk. Watch it evaporate.	At bedtime talk about where various animals sleep at night.	Play "Freeze" while dancing to music. When the music stops, everyone has to freeze.	Count how many birds you see today. Keep a list. Note location, color, sounds. At the end of the day look at your list and discuss.
24 READING	25 WRITING	26 PLAYING	27 TALKING	28 SINGING	29 COUNTING	30 READING
Point out words everywhere you go today. 31 WRITING Draw outside with chalk.	Ask your child to dictate a letter to a special person. Show how to address an envelope and add a stamp. Then mail the letter together.	Play "Riddle Me." I'm bigger than your hand and I'm in the kitchen. What am I? Yes, A banana!	Talk about things you do in the morning, things you do in the afternoon, and things you do at night.	Play "Echo Me." Clap, stomp, or beat a drum and have your child repeat the noise.	Create a grocery list with your child. Together, look at what you have and decide what you will need to purchase.	Today, while reading to your child, use your finger to follow along with the words.

You are your child's first teacher, and your home is where your child begins to learn.

Make your home a great place to learn. It doesn't take money to create special places where you and your child can talk, sing, read, write, play, and count. Here are a few ideas.

PLACES TO READ

Create a special space for your children to look at books. Have a comfortable chair or pillows and a small shelf or basket for favorite books. Make sure there's room for you and your child to sit together and that your child can reach books without needing help.

PLACES TO WRITE

Make it easy for your child to write throughout the day. Set up a space where your child can go on his or her own and use writing materials. Provide pencils, crayons, or markers of different sizes so your child can write with what is most comfortable. Use unlined paper.

PLACES TO PLAY

Play requires a little space, simple props, and some imagination and encouragement. You don't need special toys or expensive electronics. Provide props like large boxes, old clothes or costumes for dress up, empty food containers, and empty paper towel rolls. Play comes naturally to young children and is one of the primary ways they learn. Provide plenty of opportunities for your child to play.

B-I-N-G-O

There was a farmer who had a dog and Bingo was his name-oh. B-I-N-G-O B-I-N-G-O and Bingo was his name-oh.

There was a farmer who had a dog and Bingo was his name-oh. (clap)-1-N-G-0 (clap)-1-N-G-0 (clap)-1-N-G-0 and Bingo was his name-oh.

CONTINUE UNTIL ALL THE LETTERS IN BINGO'S NAME ARE REPLACED WITH CLAPS

MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB

Mary had a little lamb, Its fleece was white as snow, And everywhere that Mary went The lamb was sure to go; It followed her to school one Which was against the rule, It made the children laugh and play To see a lamb in school.

Books to Read this Month

Check out these books at the library. If they are not available, ask the librarian for a recommendation.

FOR READERS AGES 0-3

All the Colors / De Colores by Susie Jaramillo (Text is in English and Spanish)

Pajama Time by Sandra Boynton

FOR READERS AGES 3+

Tiny T. Rex and the Very Dark Dark by Jonathan Stutzman

The Girl and the Dinosaur by Hollie Hughes

