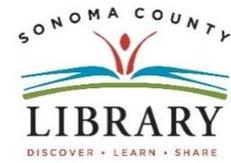


April 2020 Early Literacy Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Preparing your child for school is easy and fun! Children learn through play! TALK – SING – READ – WRITE – PLAY https://sonomalibrary.org Ask your librarian for more great suggestions! | | | 1. READ Read a funny story together. | 2. MATH How many days are there in this month? | 3. TALK Talk to a relative you don't see very often. | 4. READ Read a book about an animal. |
| 5. PLAY Pretend to be different animals and let your child guess what animal. | 6. SING Sing a favorite song from your childhood. | 7. WRITE Write your names on the sidewalk with chalk. | 8. MATH Point out things that come in twos (a pair), such as shoes or hands. | 9. READ Visit Tumblebooks through the library, and find books about family (https://bit.ly/2wHlzQv). | 10. SING Sing "The Itsy Bitsy Spider". | 11. MATH Count your fingers and toes. |
| 12. READ "Week of the Young Child": Read a favorite book together! | 13. PLAY Play with a ball outside! | 14. SING Sing "Skip to My Lou" and act it out. | 15. READ Read a book about bath time! | 16. WRITE Scribble on paper with crayons. Let your child identify the colors. | 17. MATH Read a book about ducks, and count the ducks. What does a duck say? | 18. RHYME Share the rhyme "I'm a little teapot". |
| 19. PLAY Act out the rhyme "I'm a little teapot". | 20. READ Read a book about gardens or plants. | 21. TALK Talk about things that grow in a garden. | 22. WRITE Draw a circle, a square, and a triangle. How many shapes can you name? | 23. TALK What makes you happy? Share ideas with each other. | 24. RHYME What rhymes with "sheep"? | 25. WRITE Draw a picture of your family. |
| 26. MATH Find patterns in your clothes. Stripes? Spots? | 27. TALK At the end of the day, talk about the best part of the day. | 28. PLAY Plan a picnic – either outdoors, or indoors if you can't go out! | 29. MATH Count to 10 in English and another language. | 30. SING Sing your ABCs – fast, slow, and silly style! | Did you know you can access ABC Mouse through the library? |  |

Songs and Rhymes to Share with your Little One

Itsy-Bitsy Spider

The itsy-bitsy spider
Climbed up the waterspout.
Down came the rain
And washed the spider out.
Out came the sun
And dried up all the rain.
So the itsy-bitsy spider
Climbed up the spout again!

I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little teapot
Short and stout
Here is my handle (*one hand on hip*)
Here is my spout (*other arm out straight*)
When I get all steamed up
Hear me shout
"Tip me over
and pour me out!" (*lean over toward spout*)

I'm a clever teapot,
Yes it's true
Here let me show you
What I can do
I can change my handle
And my spout (*switch arm positions*)
Just tip me over and pour me out! (*lean over toward spout*)

Skip to My Lou

Skip, skip, skip to my Lou,
Skip, skip, skip to my Lou,
Skip, skip, skip to my Lou,
Skip to my Lou, my darlin'

Fly in the buttermilk, Shoo, fly, shoo.
Fly in the buttermilk, Shoo, fly, shoo.
Fly in the buttermilk, Shoo, fly, shoo.
Skip to my Lou, my darlin'

I lost my partner, What'll I do?
I lost my partner, What'll I do?
I lost my partner, What'll I do?
Skip to my Lou, my darlin'

I'll get another, As pretty as you
I'll get another, As pretty as you
I'll get another, As pretty as you
Skip to my Lou, my darlin'

Skip, skip, skip to my Lou,
Skip, skip, skip to my Lou,

Skip, skip, skip to my Lou,
Skip to my Lou, my darlin.