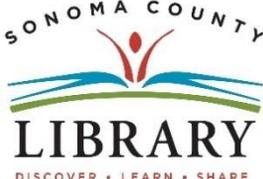


## August 2020 Early Literacy Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">Preparing your child for school is easy and fun! Children learn through play! <b>TALK – SING – READ – WRITE – PLAY</b> <a href="https://sonomalibrary.org">https://sonomalibrary.org</a> Ask your librarian for more great suggestions!</p>						<p><b>1. MATH</b> Point out all the things you see that are shaped like a circle.</p>
<p><b>2. TALK</b> Have a conversation with your child with socks on your hands.</p>	<p><b>3. READ</b> Read a book about night time.</p>	<p><b>4. PLAY</b> What sinks and what floats in the bathtub?</p>	<p><b>5. SCIENCE</b> Make a simple book to record the weather every day.</p>	<p><b>6. WRITE</b> Make a dot-a-dot outline of your child's name.</p>	<p><b>7. SING</b> Sing the song "London Bridge".</p>	<p><b>8. TALK</b> What is your favorite part of the day?</p>
<p><b>9. RHYME</b> Find and share a new Mother Goose rhyme.</p>	<p><b>10. PLAY</b> Have the whole family do the Hokey Pokey.</p>	<p><b>11. MATH</b> How many blocks can you stack?</p>	<p><b>12. WRITE</b> Trace your hands on paper.</p>	<p><b>13. TALK</b> Talk about what you'd like to do today.</p>	<p><b>14. SCIENCE</b> Leave an ice cube outside, how long does it take to melt? What does the ice cube turn into?</p>	<p><b>15. RHYME</b> Memorize a short Mother Goose rhyme together.</p>
<p><b>16. READ</b> Read a favorite book together then re-tell without the book.</p>	<p><b>17. SING</b> Sing your child's favorite song.</p>	<p><b>18. TALK</b> Talk about how you feel when the weather is really hot.</p>	<p><b>19. WRITE</b> Draw different shapes together.</p>	<p><b>20. PLAY</b> Take a walk outside and look for bugs.</p>	<p><b>21. MATH</b> Explore volume together but using water and different size cups.</p>	<p><b>22. READ</b> Read a book about bugs.</p>
<p><b>23. MATH</b> At lunch, look at the different shapes of your food.</p>	<p><b>24. READ</b> Read together in bed at naptime.</p>	<p><b>25. WRITE</b> Write the alphabet in your favorite colors.</p>	<p><b>26. SING</b> Play a new song and sing or hum along.</p>	<p><b>27. MATH</b> Play with the concepts of over and under.</p>	<p><b>28. LISTEN</b> Check out a book that reads to you. Or check out BookFlix on <a href="https://sonomalibrary.org">sonomalibrary.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>29. PLAY</b> Blow bubbles together.</p>

**30. RHYME**  
What rhymes with  
“frog”?

**31. READ**  
Read together  
outside.

**Early Literacy Tip:**

When your child “scribbles”, that is the beginning of learning how to write.  
Use crayons, water colors, chalk and paint for creative ways to encourage writing.

## Songs and Rhymes to Share with your Little One

### London Bridge Is Falling Down

*London Bridge is falling down, Falling down, Falling down.  
London Bridge is falling down, My fair lady.*

*Take a key and lock her up, Lock her up, Lock her up. Take a  
key and lock her up, My fair lady.*

### The Hokey Pokey

You put your right hand in  
You put your right hand out,  
You put your right hand in,  
And you shake it all about,

You do the hokey pokey  
And you turn yourself around That's  
what it's all about.

- 2) left hand
- 3) right foot
- 4) left foot
- 5) head
- 6) whole self

### A Note about Mother Goose Rhymes:

Reading, reciting and singing Mother Goose rhymes are an excellent way to help a preschooler get ready to read. When a child chants a rhyme repeatedly, he develops key pre-reading skills such as the ability to hear the distinct sounds that make up words, discern sound and word patterns and broaden his vocabulary. Studies have shown that the more nursery rhymes a child knows, the easier it will be for him to learn to read. So find opportunities to sing and read Mother Goose rhymes with your child.