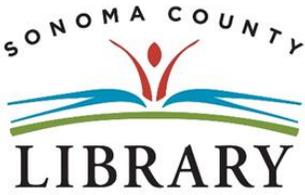


December 2020 Early Literacy Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. PLAY Find a big cardboard box and create something.	2. READ Let your child pick out a book to read together at naptime.	3. MATH Count from 1 to 10 and then count from 10 to 1.	4. TALK Share some sound effect words with your child – buzz, BANG!, crash, whisper.	5. READ Visit sonomalibrary.org and find a great book to listen to on BookFlix!
6. WRITE Create different shapes using play dough to work on pre-writing skills.	7. SING Sing the song “All the Pretty Little Horses” together.	8. RHYME Learn a new rhyme about rain or repeat an old favorite.	9. TALK Recite a rhyme together. Repeat the rhyme slowly and then very quickly.	10. WRITE Give your child a large piece of paper and crayons. Let her create.	11. READ Read a nonfiction book.	12. PLAY Make a tambourine from a paper plate and jingle bells.
13. SCIENCE Using a measuring tape, measure the distance of three stuffed animals lined up.	14. RHYME Play “Pat-a-cake” with each other. Say and do it as fast as you can.	15. SING Sing “Frosty the Snowman” together.	16. MATH Count the number of steps from your front door to the kitchen.	17. TALK Take a walk and look for things that are your child’s favorite color.	18. WRITE Draw snowflakes.	19. READ Read a favorite bedtime story. Let your child help tell the story.
20. WRITE Write your child’s name and let him trace it with his fingers.	21. READ Read a book about winter.	22. TALK How can you keep warm on a cold day?	23. READ Read a Mother Goose rhyme together.	24. PLAY Play with your teddy bear.	25. READ Read a family favorite together.	26. MATH Can you find things that are big and things that are little?
27. PLAY Pick a letter of the alphabet and find things that start with that letter.	28. SING Sing your favorite song to a family member.	29. READ Read a book with animals. Make all the animal sounds together.	30. RHYME What rhymes with “year”?	31. PLAY Bang your pots and pans today!	Preparing your child for school is easy and fun! Children learn through play! TALK – SING – READ – WRITE – PLAY www.sonomalibrary.org Ask your librarian for more great suggestions!	

Songs and Rhymes to Share with your Little One

Super Simple Play-Dough

In a large bowl, whisk together 1 cup flour and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup salt. In a microwave-safe bowl, combine $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water, 2 teaspoons lemon juice, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp gel food coloring and 1 tablespoon vegetable oil. Microwave until boiling, 1 to 2 minutes, then pour the mixture (adults only) over the dry ingredients and stir until a loose ball forms. Turn the play dough onto a floured surface and knead until smooth. Store the dough in a plastic bag in the refrigerator for up to 5 weeks. *For ages 1 and up*

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All the Pretty Horses

Hush-a-bye, don't you cry,
Go to sleep my little baby.
When you wake you shall have
All the pretty little horses.
Black and bays, dapples, grays,
All the pretty little horses.
Hush-a-bye, don't you cry,
Go to sleep my little baby.
Hush-a-bye, don't you cry,
Go to sleep my little baby.
When you wake you shall have
All the pretty little horses.

Rain Rhymes

Rain is falling down
Rain is falling down
Pitter, patter, pitter, patter
Rain is falling down
SPLASH!

Rain on the green grass,
And rain on the sea,
Rain on the house-tops
But not on me!

It's raining, it's pouring,
The old man is snoring.
He bumped his head and went to bed
And he couldn't get up in the morning!