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| 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!
Super Simple Play-Dough

In a large bowl, whisk together 1 cup flour and ¼ cup salt. In a microwave-safe bowl, combine ½ cup water, 2 teaspoons lemon juice, ½ 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.
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Go to sleep my little baby.
When you wake you shall have
All the pretty little horses.

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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!