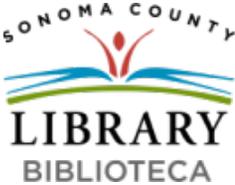


April 2022 Early Literacy Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Preparing your child for school is easy and fun! Children learn through play! TALK – SING – READ – WRITE – PLAY Ask your librarian for more great suggestions. www.sonomalibrary.org				1. PLAY Play “Peek-a-Boo” with your child.	2. READ Read a book about a rabbit. 
3. MATH Cut up a piece of fruit and count the number of pieces.	4. TALK What is the weather today? Sunny? Windy? Rainy?	5. VISIT It’s National Library week! Visit your library and check out books about Spring!	6. SING Sing the song: “Five Little Ducks.” 	7. PLAY Jump like a bunny. Hop like a frog. Flap your arms and quack like a duck.	8. SCIENCE Find out what wind does to a paper streamer. 	9. WRITE An egg is an oval. Practice drawing circles and ovals on paper.
10. SING Sing the song: “You Are My Sunshine.”	11. VISIT Visit your library and check out a book about a garden or flowers.	12. PLAY Play “I Spy with my little eye . . . something that is green.”	13. TALK Talk about things you can do when it is raining.	14. RHYME Share the rhyme: “Little Bo Peep”	15. READ Read a book about chicks or farm animals.	16. WRITE Draw a picture to give to someone you love. Ask an adult to help you write your name.
17. PLAY Take a walk and look for flowers.	18. MATH Count your fingers and toes.	19. RHYME Share the rhyme: “Little Miss Muffet.”	20. WRITE Draw a picture of yourself.	21. READ Read a story together then talk about your favorite part.	22. TALK Talk with your child about what you will do tomorrow.	23. PLAY Take a walk and look for things that are blue .
24. SING Sing the song: “Rock A Bye Baby”	25. TALK While cooking dinner, explain to your child what you are doing.	26. PLAY Pick a letter of the day and look for things that begin with that letter.	27. READ Read a book together and let your child turn the pages.	28. SCIENCE Go outside and look for bugs in the grass.	29. RHYME What words rhyme with “bunny”?	30. WRITE Trace letters in a shallow pan of flour, salt, or baking soda. A B C
31. READ Read a favorite book together at bedtime.	Early Literacy Tip for Parents: When you “read” a book with your child, talk about the pictures together. Engaging your child in this way will cultivate a lifelong love of reading.					

Songs and Rhymes to Share with your Little One

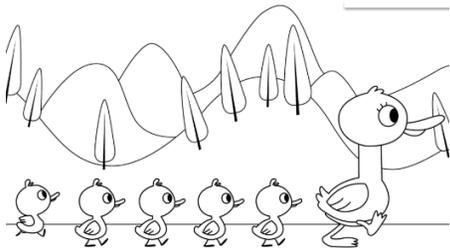
Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mama duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack,"
But only four little ducks came waddling back...

Four little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mama duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack,"
But only three little ducks came waddling back...

Three little ducks...
Two little ducks...
One little duck...

No little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mama duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack,"
And all five ducks came waddling back.



You Are My Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I love you,
Please don't take my sunshine away.

Little Bo Peep

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep
And doesn't know where to find them.
Leave them alone and they'll come home,
Bringing their tails behind them.

Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet
Eating her curds and whey.
Along came a spider,
Who sat down beside her,
And frightened Miss Muffet away.

Rock-a-Bye Baby

Rock-a-bye baby, in the treetop
When the wind blows, the cradle will rock
When the bough breaks, the cradle will fall
And down will come baby, cradle and all