## February 2019 Early Literacy Calendar

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<td><img src="https://sonomalibrary.org" alt="Library Logo" /></td>
<td>Preparing your child for school is easy and fun! Children learn through play! <strong>TALK – SING – READ – WRITE – PLAY</strong> Ask your librarian for more great suggestions.</td>
<td>1. <strong>MATH</strong> Take a walk around the block and count all the red things you see.</td>
<td>2. <strong>SCIENCE</strong> Talk about shadows, then find, and make them.</td>
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<td>**3. <strong>TALK</strong> Make up a story about a little furry groundhog.</td>
<td>4. <strong>WRITE</strong> “Write” letters on your child’s back with your finger.</td>
<td>5. <strong>PLAY</strong> Choose a favorite story and play as if you are some of the characters.</td>
<td>6. <strong>VISIT</strong> There are many fun things happening at the library! Find a program or event to attend, or just come in for some books.</td>
<td>7. <strong>RHYME</strong> Find words that rhyme with “dog” and talk about them during the day.</td>
<td>8. <strong>SING</strong> Sing “The Wheels on the Bus” several times during the day. Change up what happens on the bus!</td>
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<td>9. <strong>TALK</strong> Talk about loved ones.</td>
<td>10. <strong>WRITE</strong> Make heart shapes using different colors!</td>
<td>11. <strong>PLAY</strong> Put on a CD and dance! (Or stream music from Hoopla!)</td>
<td>12. <strong>READ</strong> Read a story about friendship.</td>
<td>13. <strong>MATH</strong> Give each other 10 hugs today, counting each hug aloud.</td>
<td>14. <strong>TALK</strong> Talk about loved ones.</td>
<td>15. <strong>WRITE</strong> Draw pictures of trees with your child.</td>
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<td>16. <strong>PLAY</strong> Play Peek-a-boo together.</td>
<td>17. <strong>READ</strong> Read a book of poetry.</td>
<td>18. <strong>SING</strong> Sing “If You are Happy and You Know It”</td>
<td>19. <strong>TALK</strong> Talk about some favorite animals and why they are favorites.</td>
<td>20. <strong>WRITE</strong> Draw shapes with a pencil, pen, crayon, paint, etc. Talk about how they look different.</td>
<td>21. <strong>PLAY</strong> Build things together using blocks, sticks or whatever is on hand.</td>
<td>22. <strong>READ</strong> Read 2 or 3 books by the same author and talk about the job of an author.</td>
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<td>23. <strong>SING</strong> Choose a rhyming book and sing it to or with your child.</td>
<td>24. <strong>TALK</strong> Talk about things that make each of you happy.</td>
<td>25. <strong>RHYME</strong> Try to memorize a nursery rhyme together.</td>
<td>26. <strong>PLAY</strong> Make puppets from socks or lunch bags and put on a show!</td>
<td>27. <strong>READ</strong> Pick a letter and find it during your day on signs, food boxes, in books, etc.</td>
<td>28. <strong>SING</strong> Sing a song you know and clap along.</td>
<td>Early Literacy Tip: Encourage dramatic play. When children make up stories using puppets or stuffed animals, they develop important narrative skills. This helps children understand that stories and books have a beginning, middle and end.</td>
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If You’re Happy and You Know It
If you’re happy and you know it,
Clap your hands,
If you’re happy and you know it,
Clap your hands,
If you’re happy and you know it,
Then your face will surely show it,
If you’re happy and you know it
Clap your hands.

If you’re sleepy and you know it, give a yawn...
If you’re sad and you know it, wipe your eyes…
If you’re mad and you know it, stomp your feet…
If you’re excited and you know it, jump up and down...
If you’re scared and you know it, hide your face...

The Wheels on the Bus
The wheels on the bus go round and round,
Round and round, round and round,
The wheels on the bus go round and round,
All through the town.

The people on the bus go up and down…
The money on the bus goes clink, clink, clink…
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish…
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep…