# April 2023 Early Literacy Calendar

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| Preparing your child for school is easy and fun! Children learn through play! Ask your librarian for more great suggestions. **TALK – SING – READ – WRITE – PLAY**  
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| 2. **READ**  
Read a book together about animals. Make the sounds of all the animals. | 3. **SING**  
Sing: “Mary Had a Little Lamb”. | 4. **TALK**  
Talk about things you like to eat. What is your favorite? | 5. **WRITE**  
Trace the lamb on the back of the calendar. Help your child glue cotton balls. | 6. **PLAY**  
Pretend to be different animals on a farm. Make silly noises. | 7. **MATH**  
Together, count the number of days there are this month. | 1. **LIBRARY**  
Visit your library. Pick up books with stories about farm animals. |

| 9. **PLAY**  
Play "I spy with my little eye, something that is yellow." | 10. **READ**  
Read a story about chicks. | 11. **WRITE**  
Draw chicks using circles and triangles. | 12. **MATH**  
Talk about foods that are round like a circle. | 13. **SING**  
Sing: “The Little Chicks”. | 14. **PLAY**  
Have a picnic outside, or inside if you can’t go out. | 8. **SCIENCE**  
What is the weather today? Is it cold? Windy? Rainy? |

| 16. **TALK**  
Talk about what foods you see in the grocery store. | 17. **SING**  
Sing a favorite song together. | 18. **READ**  
Read a story together at bedtime. | 19. **WRITE**  
Draw a picture of something that is yellow. | 20. **PLAY**  
Play hide-and-seek in the house. | 21. **RHYME**  
What rhymes with “egg”? | 15. **TALK**  
Talk about things that grow in a garden. |

| 23. **READ**  
Read a recipe to your child and name the ingredients. | 24. **MATH**  
Look for things that come in pairs, like shoes and socks. | 25. **PLAY**  
Play a game with a ball. | 26. **SING**  
Sing a favorite song from your childhood. | 27. **WRITE**  
Draw a picture of something you like to eat. | 28. **TALK**  
At the end of the day, talk about the best part of your day. | 22. **SCIENCE**  
At dinner, talk about which foods are sweet, salty, or spicy. |

| 30. **LIBRARY**  
Most libraries are now open on Sundays from 1-5 pm. | 31. **TALK**  
What makes you happy? Share ideas with each other. |  | Use meal preparation as an opportunity to play with your child, using numbers, colors, and shapes to describe ingredients. |  |  | |

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**Songs and Rhymes to Share with your Little One**

**Mary Had a Little Lamb**
Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb,
Mary had a little lamb.
With fleece was white as snow.
And everywhere that Mary went, Mary went,
Mary went.
Everywhere that Mary went,
The lamb was sure to go.

**María Tenía Un Corderito**
María tenía un corderito, corderito, corderito,
María tenía un corderito.
Su vellón blanco como la nieve.
Y dondequiera que María fue, María fue,
María fue.
Dondequiera que María fue,
El cordero estaba al lado.

**The Little Chicks (“Los Pollitos Dicen”)**
All the little chicks say pio pio pio,
When they’re feeling hungry,
When they’re feeling cold.
The mother hen looks for corn and wheat,
She gives them the food and gives them shelter,
Under mama’s wings, they are cuddled up,
The little chicks are sleeping,
Until the coming day.

**Los Pollitos Dicen**
Los pollitos dicen pío pío pío
Cuando tienen hambre,
Cuando tienen frio
La gallina busca el maíz y el trigo
Les da la comida y les presta abrigo.
Bajo sus dos alas acurrucaditos.
Duermen los pollitos hasta el otro día.