2020 Early Literacy Calendar

Help your child get ready to read and write by doing one fun and simple activity a day!



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January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
γatie ζ.			1 Happy New Year! Make a wish for your family this year.	2 Have a dance party.	3 Count the number of shoes in your closet.	Draw a picture of your family. Who is the tallest? Who is the smallest?
5 Read a poetry book.	6 Take a walk outside and look for birds. How many do you see?	7 Make a warm drink to sip on while you read.	8 Sing "The Hokey Pokey."	9 How many words can you think of that rhyme with "hop"?	10 Walk behind your family member in the snow. Make snow angels together.	Visit the Library!
Build a snowman. Dress it up to look like someone you love.	Pretend that you are a hungry creature. What will you eat?	Look at the windows in your house. Which one is the longest?	15 Get some toys out to play with. Sort them by color.	16 Build a tower out of things that aren't blocks.	17 Make a fruit pizza out of a piece of bread or tortilla. What can you put on it?	Play with play dough. Pretend you are making cookies for someone you love.
19 Read one of your favorite books two times.	20 Sing "The Wheels on the Bus."	Ask a family member to help you make snowflakes out of paper.	Tell one of your favorite stories, then read it. What could you remember?	Cut strips of yarn into different lengths. Sort them into small, medium and large.	Look around your living room. What is the smallest thing you see?	Visit the Library!
26 Make an indoor sensory box with cotton ball snow. Add scoops and tongs.	27 Read a book while using different voices.	28 Make a card and give it to someone special. Draw a picture of yourself to put in the card.	Talk about the animals that might be sleeping during winter. Where are they?	30 Pretend it is summer. Get a towel out and read your book on the beach!	31 Count to 10 in a loud voice, soft voice, high voice and low voice.	

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
γatie ζ.						Read a book about groundhogs and go outside to see if you can see your shadow.
2 Draw letters in the snow.	3 Use blankets to make a fort.	4 Learn a joke and tell it to someone in your family.	5 Cut out different size hearts. Use hearts to make an animal and glue it on paper.	6 Have quiet reading time today.	7 Practice counting to 10. Count on your fingers. How high can you count?	8 Visit the Library!
9 Look around the room and play "I Spy" with numbers you see in the room.	10 Make Valentine's cards for your family.	11 Have a red- themed meal today.	12 Read a book about Valentine's Day.	13 Write the letter O and draw a picture inside.	14 Happy Valentine's Day! Tell someone you love them.	Sing "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Try out other animals, too.
16 Do a puzzle together.	17 Use cotton swabs to form letters. Can you make the letters in your name?	18 Read your favorite book.	19 Stack blocks to make a tower as high as you can.	20 Play peek-a-boo.	21 Match pictures with the letters they start with.	Visit the Library!
23 Play with play dough.	24 Give 10 hugs. Count as you hug.	25 Let your child help you measure and mix while cooking today.	26 Tell your mom or dad about your favorite book.	Gather some toys that can get wet and take a bath. See what floats.	28 Sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Sing it again fast and slow.	29 It's Leap Day! Do 10 jumping jacks.

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fill a bowl with water. Use items around the house to see if they will sink or float.	2 Sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" while wiggling your fingers in the air.	Read Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons. Count the buttons on each page.	4 Play music and move to the beat.	5 Count the letters of the alphabet.	6 What words rhyme with "cat"?	7 Draw your child's name in crayon. Trace the name in different colors of the rainbow.
8 Make a collage with tissue paper. Tear it into small pieces and glue them to paper.	9 Read a book in a whisper, then read the same book with a loud voice.	Find a colorful magazine picture. Make a puzzle by cutting it into pieces.	Go on a walk outside. Count the number of trees you see.	Practice breathing like a bumblebee. Take a deep breath in and buzz out!	Sing "The Itsy Bit- sy Spider." Can you do the motions with your feet?	14 Visit the Library!
15 Listen to a song you both love and snuggle together.	Build a fort out of sheets and furniture. Pretend you are a bear in a cave.	17 St. Patrick's Day! Read a book with a green cover.	18 Take a picture walk through a new book by "reading" the pictures.	19 First day of spring! Do 20 jumping jacks to celebrate.	Write down as many words as you can that rhyme with "dog" and "tree."	Find a feather. Try blowing on it gently and hard to see what happens.
Draw the letters in the alphabet. Use a cotton swab and paint to dab each letter.	23 Mix up your shoes and socks and have a matching contest. Can you find the pairs?	24 Make a cozy place to read with pillows. Cuddle up with a favorite book.	25 Act out and sing "Five Little Mon- keys Jumping on the Bed."	26 Make a play dough maze by tracing a path with your finger. Roll a marble through it.	27 Sing the ABC song to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Can you do it?	Visit the Library!
29 Write down three things you love.	30 Draw zigzags on strips of paper. Snip the lines with scissors.	31 Practice drawing or writing letters in shaving cream or pudding.				Katie L.

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
γatie ζ.			Look at the toys around your house and sort them based on their colors or size.	Collect empty boxes and build something togeth- er out of them.	Take a walk through your neighborhood and point out and name shapes.	4 Play with measuring cups. What cup holds the most? What holds the least?
5 Plant a sunflower! Talk about the changes you see happening as your plant grows.	6 Read a book about springtime and compare it to what's happening outside.	7 Cut up raw vegetables or fruits and talk about their colors together.	8 Sing a song you remember from your childhood or find a new favorite song.	9 Draw on white paper with a black crayon, then on black paper with a white crayon.	10 Give each other a hug!	11 Visit the Library!
Pretend you are different animals. What do they sound like? How do they move?	13 Play music and dance together.	Gather scraps of fabric. Feel and look at the patterns, colors and textures.	Reuse envelopes and practice stamping on them. Deliver your "mail" to someone.	16 Find a good bedtime book and snuggle up together.	Make a list of special people in your life and talk about what they like to do.	18 Put music on in the car and sing along together.
19 Check out an informational picture book and look at the photo- graphs together.	Make a collage of your favorite things by cutting out pictures from old magazines.	Spring clean to- gether! Sweep, dust and pick up. Children often love to be helpers!	Celebrate Earth Day! Go on a nature walk and collect sticks, leaves and stones.	See how many birds you spot to- day and track them as they fly across the sky!	Play with water outside. Fill a tub with water and put in cups and other containers.	Visit the Library!
26 Roll a ball back and forth together. Practice catching and throwing.	27 Read a book about feelings and talk about it together.	Go to the grocery store. Point out different foods and name and describe them.	Find a wordless book and make up the story together based on the pictures.	30 Look at the backs of cereal boxes together and talk about what letters you see.		

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Katie L.					1 Make a list of your family members. How many are there?	2 Play classical music and have a dance party.
3 Draw pictures of your favorite foods and label them.	4 Sing one of your favorite songs to a favorite person!	5 Sing "Baa Baa Black Sheep." Sing it again quiet and loud.	6 Have a color themed lunch today.	7 Make homemade shakers by filling plastic eggs with dried beans.	8 Find and name the letters you see at the grocery store as you shop.	9 Visit the Library!
10 Make up a song about what your family is doing this weekend.	Write a list of all the things you like to do in the spring.	Find shapes in the buildings and signs around you.	Pretend you are jumping in puddles in the rain. SPLASH!	14 Read a book and talk about the parts of the book: cover, back, etc.	15 Try something new together today!	16 Play color "I Spy" and find things of different colors in the room.
17 Go for a walk and count the flowers you see.	18 Lay on your stomach and raise your arms and legs and pretend to fly!	19 Help mom or dad write the shopping list.	20 Tell your family some things that you love about them.	21 Use a paper lunch bag to make a puppet and tell a story.	22 Sprinkle sugar on a cookie sheet and write numbers in the sugar.	Visit the Library!
24 Read your favorite book together. 31 What words rhyme with "cap"?	25 Make an indoor sandbox: oatmeal in a tub with scoops and shovels.	Draw a picture of what you see from a window in your house.	Play with play dough and talk about what you're making.	Count the beds in your house. Which one is the biggest? Which one is the smallest?	Play music and move to the beat. Pause the music and freeze.	Talk about feeling words: happy, sad, scared, lonely, mad, embarrassed.

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Katie L.	Line up the stuffed animals in your house and count them.	Write a list of all the things you like to do in the summer.	3 Eat something green with your lunch today.	4 Visit a body of water today. Is it a lake? A pond? A swamp?	5 Find items in your house that are red.	Pick a nursery rhyme to practice this month until you have it memorized.
7 Hide an object and turn off the lights. Now go on a flashlight scavenger hunt!	8 When riding in the car, look for and count the number of red cars you see.	9 Sing "The Wheels on the Bus." Make up a new verse!	10 Use blocks to make a tall tower. Count how high you stack the blocks.	11 Do a puzzle together.	Read five books in a row and do five jumping jacks in between each book.	13 Visit the Library!
Take a bowl of water and a paint brush and go outside and "paint."	How high can you count? Can you count by fives?	Take a walk and talk about the colors of the flowers that you see.	17 Read a book about science.	Think of words that rhyme with "hop."	19 Take a drive and count the Ameri- can flags that you see.	20 Draw outside with sidewalk chalk.
Go on a nature walk. Find 10 different leaves.	Plant a seed and make a plant marker with a popsicle stick.	23 Check out a book about a farm animal.	24 Thread pipe cleaners into a colander to work on fine motor control.	25 Pick three books to read before bedtime.	26 Find a new park and play there together.	Visit the Library!
28 Use play dough to make letters.	29 Tell your family a funny story.	30 Practice cutting with pieces of scrap paper.				

July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Katie L.			Count the number of steps it takes to get from your kitchen to your bedroom.	Use a sheet as a cape and pretend you're a superhero.	Read a story outside on a blanket.	4 Happy Fourth of July! Paint with red, white and blue today.
5 Pretend that you are angry. Take a deep breath and count to three on your fingers.	6 Name the colors in the rainbow.	7 Give a hug to a family member every time he or she says your name.	8 Search for the first letter of your last name in a book as you read.	9 Grab two spoons and sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" as you row with spoons.	10 Count your fingers and toes in a funny voice.	Visit the Library!
Dig a hole in the backyard. What treasures can you find?	Play hide and seek. Count to ten with your eyes closed.	Go on a flower hunt. Can you learn the names of the flowers you see?	Pretend you are going to school. What would go in your backpack?	16 Make a colorful snack. Use more than three colors.	17 Make a card for someone you love.	18 Find a book that includes an animal you like.
Trace your handprint. Then trace a grownup's handprint outside of yours.	20 Relax in the shade by drinking something cool and looking at the sky.	Find five small things you could fit in your pocket today.	Cut out numbers and paint them with watercolor for your windows.	Jump for all the syllables in each family member's name.	Play dress up and pretend to be a mom or dad.	Visit the Library!
Which buildings can you see from your house? Find the tallest and smallest.	27 Run together and pretend to chase imaginary crea- tures.	28 Enjoy water play by painting pic- tures on the side- walk with water.	29 Sing "If You're Happy and You Know It." Make up endings that make you laugh.	30 Check out an ABC picture book at the library. Sing the ABCs as you touch the letters.	Name the people in your family. What do you like about them?	

August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Katie L.						1 Draw outside with chalk. Draw pictures, shapes and letters.
2 What rhymes with "dad"? Silly rhymes are OK, too!	Finger paint. Mix corn syrup and food coloring. Use it to write letters on paper.	Go on a hunt for blue items in the room. Line them up and talk about what you found.	5 Use buckets and brushes and have a car wash for your toys.	6 Sing "The Itsy Bitsy Spider." Sing it fast and slow.	7 Play a board game. Try playing while lying on your stomach.	8 Visit the Library!
9 Take a nature walk and collect items. Staple baggies to paper and make a nature book.	Tell a family member what you love about him or her.	11 Sing "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." Sing it quiet and loud.	Read a favorite book. Draw a picture about the book and talk about it.	13 Count the stairs as you walk up and down today.	What are your favorite animals? Can you make their sounds? Try moving like them!	Let your child pick the books you read today. Ask them why they picked that book.
Make a fish. Cut a wedge from a paper plate. Glue that piece on the opposite side.	17 Play with play dough. Can you shape it into letters?	How many words can you think of that begin with the letter "L"? Look around the room.	19 Borrow an audiobook from the library.	Unroll yarn on the ground to imitate a tightrope. Walk the line with a toy on your head.	Cut alphabet letters out of magazines or newspapers and make words.	Visit the Library!
23 Play peek-a-boo. 30 Have quiet reading time today.	24 Have a yellow- themed lunch today. 31 Visit a new park!	When at the store, search for the letters in your name. Look on signs, boxes, etc.	26 Practice throwing balls into a laundry basket.	27 Make a reading tent. Put blankets or sheets over chairs and crawl in to read.	Think of something new you're going to do soon. Talk about what to expect.	Pick out a new meal to cook. Read through the recipe together as you make it.

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Use a large cardboard box to make a race car.	2 Blow bubbles outside. Pop them with different parts of your body.	3 Sing "I'm a Little Teapot."	4 Go on a nature walk outside. What can you find that's green?	5 Read a book and then watch the movie. Talk about what is different.
6 Have a picnic inside or outside.	7 At bed time, sing a song together and talk about what you did today.	8 Read under a blanket with a flashlight.	9 Play with a balloon. Count how many times you can hit it before it hits the ground.	While you listen to music, use an empty container and spoon to drum out the beat.	11 Use play dough to create the perfect pretend meal.	12 Visit the Library!
Fill a bag with various items and have your child reach in and guess what they are.	Go on a letter hunt and see what letter shapes you can find in the world around you.	Look at pictures of farm animals and talk about what sounds they make.	16 Staple some pieces of paper together and make a book about your favorite things.	17 Dress up and pretend you are a veterinarian. Do check-ups on your stuffed animals.	Find some sticks, pine cones and outdoor materials to make a house. Who lives there?	19 While driving, point and count the number of trucks you see.
While dinner is being made, close your eyes and describe what you hear and smell.	Go to the park and talk about locations like up, down, around, under, in, out, etc.	22 Sing the alphabet song.	23 Say a rhyme like "Hickory Dickory Dock." Say it in a high voice and a low voice.	Pretend you are going to the zoo. What animal noises can you make?	Read a book by looking at the pictures. What is happening in the story?	Visit the Library!
Use yarn and tape to make an obstacle course in the hallway.	When reading a rhyming book, pause and see if your child can guess the word.	Read a favorite book and pretend to be a character from the book.	30 Create a picture together using things you see outside.			Katie L.

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Katie L.				1 Read or retell a favorite story together.	Check out a book about pumpkins and look at the different sizes and shapes they have.	3 Make a maze by placing masking tape on a flat surface. Drive cars through it!
4 Go on a hunt to find orange items together. How many can you find?	5 Pick out a book and look at the cover together. What do you think the story is about?	6 Listen to music and draw together.	7 Sing a favorite nursery rhyme together like "Itsy Bitsy Spider."	8 As you eat a snack, ask questions like, "How many crackers will you have left if you eat one?"	9 Look or go outside and describe the weather. What weather do you like best?	Visit the Library!
Read a book about the moon and talk about how it changes its shape.	Rake leaves into different sized piles. Which one do you think has the most leaves?	13 Smell different spices together and talk about which ones you like and don't like.	14 Bake cookies together and let your child help stir the ingredients.	15 Play with play dough.	Sing "Old McDonald Had a Farm" and practice different animal sounds.	17 Make an instrument! Empty coffee cans can be drums!
Cut pieces of yarn and mix with glue in a bowl. Create a picture with yarn and let it dry.	Look for the first letter of your child's name in books or on signs.	20 Make a cozy reading spot with pillows and blan- kets and spend time cuddling.	How many words can you think of that rhyme with "cat"?	Learn how to say "hello" or another word in sign language together.	Think of all the things you'd like to do today. Make a list and cross them off.	Visit the Library!
25 Make up a story together and draw the characters.	Make patterns together out of different colored milk caps, paper clips or crayons.	27 Read two books about the same animal. Talk about the similarities and differences.	Are you dressing up for Halloween? Tell someone about your costume.	Practice making faces and talk about feelings. What's your silly face? Sad face?	30 Use contact paper taped to a window to create a colorful leaf collage.	31 Happy Halloween!

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 How many pretend cookies can you make out of play dough?	2 Play Simon Says. Take turns being Simon.	3 Sing "There Were 10 in the Bed." Act it out with your toys.	4 Walk around your neighborhood. Do the trees still have any leaves?	5 Gobble like a turkey. What other animal sounds do you know?	6 Cut up a magazine picture. Mix the pieces up and put it back together like a	7 Look at and talk about a family photo. Tell a special story about your family.
8 Try a new food. What does it taste like? How does it smell?	9 Take a bubble bath and pop bub- bles in the bath- tub! Count how many you pop.	Dress up like your favorite character. What will your character do today?	Read a book about birds. What do different kinds of birds do when the air turns cold?	Cuddle up with your favorite person and read your favorite story together.	At bedtime, use a flashlight to make shadow puppets. Tell a story about them.	Visit the Library!
15 Make a noodle or cereal necklace by threading pieces onto yarn or pipe cleaners.	16 Check out a kids' cookbook and try a new recipe together.	Make a shopping list together. Draw pictures of the items you'd like to purchase.	Draw a picture for your favorite grown-up showing them what you like to do best!	19 Find something smooth. Find something fuzzy. Which do you like better? Why?	20 Fill a bowl with dried rice. Use measuring spoons and cups to pour and divide.	Use painter's tape to make an indoor hopscotch course.
Make a box fort! Be sure to add a cozy spot for reading or resting.	23 Surprise your parent with a hug today!	24 Search for objects that are yellow. Are all the yellow colors the same?	25 How many squirrels do you see outside today?	26 Happy Thanksgiving! Talk about the different kinds of foods in your feast!	27 Can you find things in your house that start with the letter M?	Visit the Library!
29 Listen to a favorite song. Tap out the beat with wooden spoons.	30 Use washable stamp pads and paper to make fingerprint creatures.					Katie L.

December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Have a red- themed meal today.	Ask a librarian or someone special for a book recommendation.	Read a book about winter and compare it to what's happening outside.	A Name some animals that live on a farm. Then sing "Old MacDonald."	Make a happy face and a sad face on the front and back of a paper plate.
6 Play with some buttons. Count and sort them.	7 Draw large colored shapes on white paper. Tape to the floor and play hopscotch.	8 Listen to some favorite music and clap to the beat.	9 Practice cutting with scrap paper or old magazines.	10 Make a card and give it to someone special.	How many words can you think of that rhyme with "tree"?	12 Visit the Library!
Write your child's name in big block letters. Let him color inside the letters.	Sit on the floor opposite each other and roll a ball back and forth.	Use blocks to make two identical block structures.	Pick a color of the day and look for things of that color.	Use a clothespin to pick up small items and drop them in a cup. Count them too!	Clap your hands to the syllables of the names of the people in your family.	While at the store, look for all the letters in your child's name.
20 Make finger paints with soap flakes, water and food coloring.	Use construction paper to make placemats for your family. Write their names.	Reread a favorite book today. What do you like about the book?	What are your favorite foods to eat around the holidays. Why?	24 Play with puzzles.	25 Sing a favorite song. Sing it fast, slow, loud and quiet.	Visit the Library!
27 Have quiet reading time today.	Create an indoor obstacle course. Use pillows and chairs so you can jump and crawl.	29 Have your child make a pattern using gumdrops or other colorful candy!	30 Fill a baggie with hair gel and a drop of food coloring. Use your finger to write!	31 Make a clock out of a paper plate and count down to midnight on it. Happy New Year!		Katie Ł.