

2023

# EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR

  
**LOVE**  
MAXIMIZE LOVE  
MANAGE STRESS

  
**TALK**  
SING AND POINT

  
**COUNT**  
GROUP AND COMPARE

  
**PLAY**  
EXPLORE THROUGH  
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**READ**  
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**Help your child get ready to read and write by doing one fun and simple activity a day!**

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**Visit the  
library!**

Have a dance party.

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Build a tower out of  
things that aren't  
blocks.

Make a wish for  
your family in 2023.

Build a snowman.  
Dress it up to look like  
someone you love.

Talk about the animals  
that might be sleeping  
during winter. Where  
are they?

Count the number  
of shoes in your  
closet.

Make an indoor  
sensory box with  
cotton ball snow. Add  
scoops and tongs.

Read a poetry book.  
Which was your  
favorite poem?

Cut strips of yarn into  
different lengths.  
Sort them into small,  
medium and large.

Draw a picture of  
your family. Who is  
the tallest? Who is  
the smallest?

Look around your  
living room. Talk  
about the smallest  
thing you see.

Look at the  
windows in your  
house. Which one  
is the longest?

Pretend it is summer.  
Get a towel out and  
read your book at the  
beach!

Read a book  
while using  
different voices.

Sing "The Wheels on  
the Bus."

Make a card and  
give it to someone  
special. Draw a  
picture of yourself  
to put in the card.

Pretend that you are  
a hungry creature.  
Talk about what  
you're going to eat.

Get some toys out  
to play with. Sort  
them by color.

Make a fruit pizza out  
of a piece of bread or  
tortilla. What can you  
put on it?

Tell one of your  
favorite stories, then  
read it. What could  
you remember?

Play with play dough.  
Pretend you are  
making cookies for  
someone you love.

Make a warm drink  
to sip on while you  
read.

Sing "The Hokey  
Pokey."

Count to 10 in a  
loud voice, soft  
voice, high voice  
and low voice.

Ask a family member  
to help you make  
snowflakes out of  
paper.

Read one of your  
favorite books two  
times.

Talk about feeling  
words: happy, sad,  
scared, lonely, mad,  
embarrassed.

Walk behind your  
family member in the  
snow. Make snow  
angels together.

Take a walk outside  
and look for birds.  
How many do you  
see?



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1  
Draw letters in the snow.

2  
Read a book about groundhogs and go outside to see if you can see your shadow.

3  
Have quiet reading time today.

4  
**Visit the library!**

5  
Do a puzzle together.

6  
Give 10 hugs. Count as you hug.

7  
Sing "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Try out other animals, too.

8  
Practice counting to 10. Count on your fingers. How high can you count?

9  
Cut out different size hearts. Use hearts to make an animal and glue it on paper.

10  
Read a book about Valentine's Day.

11  
Write the letter "O" and draw a picture inside.

12  
Use cotton swabs to form letters. Can you make the letters in your name?

13  
Tell a grown-up about your favorite book.

14  
Happy Valentine's Day! Tell someone you love them.

15  
Help measure and mix in the kitchen today!

16  
Have a red-themed meal today.

17  
Gather some toys that can get wet and take a bath. See what floats.

18  
**Visit the library!**

19  
Match pictures with the letters they start with.

20  
Learn a joke and tell it to someone in your family.

21  
Sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Sing it again fast and slow.

22  
Stack blocks to make a tower as high as you can.

23  
Play with play dough.

24  
Read your favorite book.

25  
Play peek-a-boo.

26  
Do some yoga moves together!

27  
Use blankets to make a fort.

28  
Look around the room and play "I Spy" with numbers you see in the room.

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1

Do 20 jumping jacks.

2

Practice breathing like a bumblebee. Take a deep breath in and buzz out!

3

Take a picture walk through a new book by "reading" the pictures.

4

**Visit the library!**

5

Act out and sing "I'm a Little Teapot."

6

Listen to a song with someone you love and snuggle together.

7

Sing "The Itsy Bitsy Spider." Can you do the motions with your feet?

8

Go on a walk outside. Count the number of trees you see.

9

Find a feather. Try blowing on it gently and hard to see what happens.

10

Read a book with a green cover.

11

Write down as many words as you can that rhyme with "dog" and "tree."

12

Draw the letters in the alphabet. Use a cotton swab and paint to dab each letter.

13

Build a fort. Pretend you are a bear in a cave.

14

Sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" while wiggling your fingers in the air.

15

Draw zigzags on strips of paper. Snip the lines with scissors.

16

Make a play dough maze by tracing a path with your finger. Roll a marble through it.

17

Find a colorful magazine picture. Make a puzzle by cutting it into pieces.

18

**Visit the library!**

19

Make a collage with tissue paper. Tear it into small pieces and glue them to paper.

20

Make a cozy place to read with pillows. Cuddle up with a favorite book.

21

Read a book in a whisper, then read the same book with a loud voice.

22

Mix up your shoes and socks and have a matching contest. Can you find the pairs?

23

Fill a bowl with water. Use items around the house to see if they will sink or float.

24

Read *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons*. Count the buttons on each page.

25

Draw your name in crayon. Trace your name in different colors of the rainbow.

26

Practice writing letters in shaving cream or pudding.

27

Write down three things you love.

28

What words rhyme with "cat"?

29

Count the letters of the alphabet.

30

Play music and move to the beat.

31

Sing the ABC song to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Can you do it?



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1  
Give each other a hug!

2  
Reuse envelopes and practice stamping on them. Deliver your "mail" to someone.

3  
Find a good bedtime book and snuggle up together.

4  
Read a book about springtime and compare it to what's happening outside.

5  
Gather scraps of fabric. Feel and look at the patterns, colors and textures.

6  
Play music and dance together.

7  
Find a wordless book and make up the story together based on the pictures.

8  
**Visit the library!**

9  
Pretend you are different animals. What do they sound like? How do they move?

10  
Make a list of special people in your life and talk about what they like to do.

11  
Plant a sunflower! Talk about the changes you see happening as your plant grows.

12  
Make a collage of your favorite things by cutting out pictures from old magazines.

13  
Spring clean together! Sweep, dust and pick up. Children love to be helpers!

14  
See how many birds you spot today and track them as they fly across the sky!

15  
Draw on white paper with a black crayon, then on black paper with a white crayon.

16  
Play with water outside. Fill a tub with water and put in cups and other containers.

17  
Read a book about feelings and talk about it together.

18  
Go to the grocery store. Point out different foods and name them and describe them.

19  
Play with measuring cups. What cup holds the most? What cup holds the least?

20  
Put music on and sing along together.

21  
Celebrate Earth Day! Go on a nature walk and collect sticks, leaves and stones.

22  
**Visit the library!**

23  
Sing a song you remember or find a new favorite song.

24  
Collect empty boxes and build something together out of them.

25  
Take a walk through your neighborhood and point out and name shapes.

26  
Look at the toys around your house and sort them based on their colors or size.

27  
Roll a ball back and forth together. Practice catching and throwing.

28  
Look at the backs of cereal boxes together and talk about what letters you see.

29  
Cut up raw vegetables or fruits and talk about their colors together.

30  
Take a long walk in nature.

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1  
Tell your family  
some things  
that you love  
about them.

2  
Sing "Baa Baa Black  
Sheep." Sing it again  
quiet and loud.

3  
Find shapes in the  
buildings and  
signs around you.

4  
Pretend you are  
jumping in the  
puddles in the  
rain. SPLASH!

5  
Read a book and  
talk about the  
parts of the book:  
cover, back, etc.

6  
**Visit the  
library!**

7  
Read your favorite  
book together.

8  
Sing one of your  
favorite songs to  
a favorite person!

9  
Write a list of all  
the things you like  
to do in the spring.

10  
Go for a walk and  
count the flowers  
you see.

11  
Make homemade  
shakers by filling  
plastic eggs with  
dried beans.

12  
Use a paper  
lunch bag to  
make a puppet  
and tell a story.

13  
Play classical  
music and have  
a dance party.

14  
Draw a picture of  
what you see from  
a window in your  
house.

15  
Make a list of  
your family  
members. How  
many are there?

16  
Play music and  
move to the beat.  
Pause the music  
and freeze.

17  
Find and name the  
letters you see at  
the grocery store  
as you shop.

18  
Play "I Spy" with  
colors and find  
things of different  
colors in the room.

19  
Draw pictures of  
your favorite foods  
and label them.

20  
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21  
Sprinkle sugar on a  
cookie sheet and  
write numbers in  
the sugar.

22  
Talk about feeling  
words: happy, sad,  
scared, lonely, mad,  
embarrassed.

23  
Play with play  
dough and talk  
about what  
you're making.

24  
Count the beds in  
your house. Which  
one is the biggest?  
Which one is the  
smallest?

25  
Make an indoor  
sandbox: oatmeal in  
a tub with scoops  
and shovels.

26  
Help your  
grown-up write  
the shopping list.

27  
Lay on your  
stomach and raise  
your arms and legs  
and pretend to fly!

28  
Have a color  
themed lunch today.

29  
Make up a song  
about what your  
family is doing  
this weekend.

30  
What words rhyme  
with "cat"?

31  
Try something  
new together  
today!



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1  
Hide an object and turn off the lights. Now go on a flashlight scavenger hunt!

2  
Pick a nursery rhyme to practice this month until you have it memorized.

3  
**Visit the library!**

4  
Draw outside with sidewalk chalk.

5  
Pick three books to read before bedtime.

6  
Think of words that rhyme with "hop."

7  
Look outside and count the number of red cars you see.

8  
Plant a seed and make a plant marker with a popsicle stick.

9  
Read five books in a row and do five jumping jacks in between each book.

10  
Check out a book about a farm animal.

11  
Sing "The Wheels on the Bus." Make up a new verse!

12  
Go on a nature walk. Find 10 different leaves.

13  
Take a walk and talk about the colors of the flowers that you see.

14  
How high can you count? Can you count by fives? Tens?

15  
Thread pipe cleaners into a colander to work on fine motor control.

16  
Read a book about science.

17  
**Visit the library!**

18  
Find items in your house that are red.

19  
Do a puzzle together.

20  
Take a drive and count the number of flags that you see.

21  
Practice cutting with pieces of scrap paper.

22  
Take a bowl of water and a paint brush and go outside and "paint."

23  
Write a list of all the things you like to do in the summer.

24  
Eat something green with your lunch today.

25  
Use blocks to make a tall tower. Count how high you can stack the blocks.

26  
Tell your family a funny story.

27  
Use play dough to make letters.

28  
Line up the stuffed animals in your house and count them.

29  
Find a new park and play there together.

30  
Visit a body of water today. Is it a lake? A pond? A swamp?



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2 Give a hug to a family member every time they say your name.	3 Jump for all the syllables in each family member's name.	4 Go on a flower hunt. Can you learn the names of the flowers you see?	5 Play hide and seek. Count to 10 with your eyes closed.	6 Pretend you are going to school. What would go in your backpack?	7 Read a story outside on a blanket.	8 <b>Visit the library!</b>
9 Pretend that you are angry. Take a deep breath and count to three on your fingers.	10 Make a card for someone you love.	11 Find five small things you could fit in your pocket today.	12 Count your fingers and toes in a funny voice.	13 Cut out numbers and paint them with watercolor for your windows.	14 Search for the first letter of your last name in a book as you read.	15 Dig a hole in the backyard. What treasures can you find?
16 Play dress up and pretend to be a parent.	17 Name the people in your family. What do you like about them?	18 Run together and pretend to chase imaginary creatures.	19 Which buildings can you see from your house? Find the tallest and the smallest.	20 Enjoy water play by painting pictures on the sidewalk with water.	21 Find a book that includes an animal you like.	22 <b>Visit the library!</b>
23 Trace your handprint. Then trace a grownup's handprint outside of yours.	24 Make a colorful snack. Use more than three colors.	25 Sing "If You're Happy and You Know It." Make up endings that make you laugh.	26 Count the number of steps it takes to get from your kitchen to your bedroom.	27 Use a sheet as a cape and pretend you're a superhero.	28 Grab two spoons and sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" as you row with spoons.	29 Relax in the shade by drinking something cool and looking at the sky.
30 Sing your ABCs. Sing it loud and sing it in a whisper.	31 Talk about your favorite things to do in the summer.	<div></div>				



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		1 When at the store, search for the letters in your name. Look on signs, boxes, etc.	2 What are your favorite animals? Can you make their sounds? Try moving like them!	3 Make a fish. Cut a wedge from a paper plate. Glue that piece on the opposite side.	4 Borrow an audiobook from the library.	5 Sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes." Sing it fast and slow.
6 Play with play dough. Can you shape it into letters?	7 Make a reading tent. Put blankets or sheets over chairs and crawl in to read.	8 Unroll yarn on the ground to imitate a tightrope. Walk the line with a toy on your head.	9 Count the stairs as you walk up and down today.	10 Cut alphabet letters out of magazines or newspapers and make words.	11 How many words can you think of that begin with the letter "L"? Look around the room.	12 <b>Visit the library!</b>
13 Visit a new park!	14 Pick out a new meal to cook. Read through the recipe together as you make it.	15 Have a yellow-themed lunch today.	16 Draw outside with chalk. Draw pictures, shapes and letters.	17 Practice throwing balls into a laundry basket.	18 Have quiet reading time today.	19 Take a nature walk and collect items. Staple baggies to paper and make a nature book.
20 Pick out the books you read today. Why did you pick those books?	21 Think of something new you're going to do soon. Talk about what to expect.	22 Finger paint. Mix corn syrup and food coloring. Use it to write letters on paper.	23 Sing "The Itsy Bitsy Spider." Sing it fast and slow.	24 Use buckets and brushes and have a car wash for your toys.	25 Read a favorite book. Draw a picture about the book and talk about it.	26 <b>Visit the library!</b>
27 Play a board game. Try playing while lying on your stomach.	28 Tell a family member what you love about them.	29 What rhymes with "dad"? Silly rhymes are OK, too!	30 Go on a hunt for blue items in the room. Line them up and talk about what you found.	31 Play peek-a-boo.		

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1

Read under a blanket with a flashlight.

2

Use play dough to create the perfect pretend meal.

3

Have a picnic inside or outside.

4

At bedtime, sing a song together and talk about what you did today.

5

While you listen to music, use an empty container and spoon to drum out the beat.

6

Look at pictures of farm animals and talk about what sounds they make.

7

While dinner is being made, close your eyes and describe what you hear and smell.

8

Staple some pieces of paper together and make a book about your favorite things.

9

**Visit the library!**

10

Fill a bag with various items and have someone else reach in and guess what they are.

11

Go to the park and talk about words like up, down, around, under, in, out, etc.

12

Say a rhyme like "Hickory Dickory Dock." Say it in a high voice and a low voice.

13

Go on a letter hunt and see what letter shapes you can find in the world around you.

14

Dress up and pretend you are a veterinarian. Do check-ups on your stuffed animals.

15

When reading a rhyming book, pause and see if your child can guess the word.

16

Go on a nature walk outside. What can you find that's green?

17

Read a book by looking at the pictures. What is happening in the story?

18

Use yarn and tape to make an obstacle course in the hallway.

19

Sing the alphabet song.

20

Look outside and point and count the number of trucks you see.

21

Pretend you are going to the zoo. What animal noises can you make?

22

Read a favorite book and pretend to be a character from the book.

23

**Visit the library!**

24

Blow bubbles outside. Pop them with different parts of your body.

25

Create a picture together using things you see outside.

26

Sing "Old McDonald."

27

Play with a balloon. Count how many times you can hit it before it hits the ground.

28

Use a cardboard box to make a rocket ship.

29

Read a book and then watch the movie. Talk about what is different.

30

Find some sticks, pine cones and outdoor materials to make a house. Who lives there?



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Make patterns together out of different colored milk caps, paper clips or crayons.

2  
Bake cookies with someone. Help stir the ingredients.

3  
Sing a favorite nursery rhyme together like "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

4  
As you eat a snack, ask questions like, "How many crackers will you have left if you eat one?"

5  
Make an instrument! Empty coffee cans can be drums!

6  
Read a book about the moon and talk about how it changes its shape.

7  
**Visit the library!**

8  
Look for the first letter of your name in books or on signs.

9  
Make a cozy reading spot with pillows and blankets and spend time cuddling.

10  
Smell different spices together and talk about which ones you like and don't like.

11  
How many words can you think of that rhyme with "dog"?

12  
Make a maze by placing masking tape on a flat surface. Drive cars through it.

13  
Pick out a book and look at the cover together. What do you think it is about?

14  
Learn how to say "hello" or another word in sign language together.

15  
Think of all the things you'd like to do today. Make a list and cross them off.

16  
Look or go outside and describe the weather. What weather do you like best?

17  
Read two books about the same animal. Talk about the similarities and differences.

18  
Go on a hunt to find orange items together. How many can you find?

19  
Play with play dough.

20  
Check out a book about pumpkins and look at the different sizes and shapes they have.

21  
**Visit the library!**

22  
Use contact paper taped to a window to create a colorful leaf collage.

23  
Practice making faces and talk about feelings. What's your silly face? Sad face?

24  
Sing "Old McDonald Had a Farm" and practice different animal sounds.

25  
Rake leaves into different sized piles. Which one do you think has the most leaves?

26  
Cut pieces of yarn and mix with glue in a bowl. Create a picture with yarn and let it dry.

27  
Read or retell a favorite story together.

28  
Listen to music and draw together.

29  
Make up a story together and draw the characters.

30  
Play dress up with the people you love.

31  
Talk about your favorite thing to do in the fall.



# November | Early Literacy



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1  
Take a bubble bath and pop bubbles in the bathtub! Count how many you pop.

2  
Use painter's tape to make an indoor hopscotch course.

3  
Dress up like your favorite character. What will your character do today?

4  
**Visit the library!**

5  
Play Simon Says. Take turns being Simon.

6  
Cuddle up with your favorite person and read your favorite story together.

7  
Can you find things in your house that start with the letter M?

8  
Find something smooth. Find something fuzzy. Which do you like better? Why?

9  
Draw a picture for your favorite grown-up showing them what you like to do best!

10  
At bedtime, use a flashlight to make shadow puppets. Tell a story about them.

11  
Gobble like a turkey. What other animal sounds do you know?

12  
Try a new food. What does it taste like? How does it smell?

13  
Check out a kids' cookbook and try a new recipe together.

14  
Search for objects that are yellow. Are all the yellow colors the same?

15  
How many squirrels do you see outside today?

16  
Make a noodle or cereal necklace by threading pieces onto yarn or pipe cleaners.

17  
Read a book about birds. What do different kinds of birds do when the air turns cold?

18  
**Visit the library!**

19  
Make a box fort! Be sure to add a cozy spot for reading or resting.

20  
Surprise someone with a hug today!

21  
How many pretend cookies can you make out of play dough?

22  
Fill a bowl with dried rice. Use measuring spoons and cups to pour and divide.

23  
Talk about the different kinds of foods in your feast.

24  
Cut up a magazine picture. Mix the pieces up and put it back together like a puzzle.

25  
Make a shopping list together. Draw pictures of the items you'd like to purchase.

26  
Use washable stamp pads and paper to make fingerprint creatures.

27  
Look at and talk about a family photo. Tell a special story about your family.

28  
Listen to a favorite song. Tap out the beat with wooden spoons.

29  
Sing "There Were Ten in the Bed." Act it out with your toys.

30  
Walk around your neighborhood. Do the trees still have any leaves?



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1  
Practice cutting  
with scrap paper  
or old magazines.

2  
**Visit the  
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3  
How many words  
can you think of that  
rhyme with "tree"?

4  
What are your  
favorite foods to eat  
around the holidays?  
Why?

5  
Pick a color of the  
day and look for  
things of that color.

6  
Use blocks to  
make two identical  
structures.

7  
Listen to some  
favorite music and  
clap to the beat.

8  
Reread a favorite  
book today. What  
do you like about  
the book?

9  
Clap your hands to  
the syllables of the  
names of the people  
in your family.

10  
Make finger paints  
with soap flakes,  
water and food  
coloring.

11  
While at the store,  
look for all the letters  
in your name.

12  
Use construction paper  
to make placemats for  
your family. Write their  
names.

13  
Use a clothespin to  
pick up small items  
and drop them in a  
cup. Count them, too.

14  
Sit on the floor  
opposite each  
other and roll a ball  
back and forth.

15  
Write your name in big  
block letters. Color  
inside the letters.

16  
**Visit the  
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17  
Play with puzzles.

18  
Make a card and  
give it to someone  
special.

19  
Name some animals  
that live on a farm.  
Then sing "Old  
McDonald."

20  
Make a pattern  
using gumdrops or  
other colorful candy!

21  
Fill a baggie with hair  
gel and a drop of  
food coloring. Use  
your finger to write!

22  
Read a book about  
winter and compare  
it to what's  
happening outside.

23  
Have a red themed  
meal today.

24/31  
Have quiet reading  
time today.

25  
Make a happy face  
and a sad face on  
the front and back  
of a paper plate.

26  
Sing a favorite song.  
Sing it fast, slow,  
loud and quiet.

27  
Play with some  
buttons. Count  
and sort them.

28  
Create an indoor  
obstacle course. Use  
pillows and chairs so  
you can jump and  
crawl.

29  
Ask a librarian or  
someone special  
for a book  
recommendation.

30  
Make a clock out of a  
paper plate and count  
down to midnight on it.  
Happy New Year!