Early literacy begins with you and your child. Help your child get ready to read by doing simple activities every day.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Play “Autumn I Spy” - look for pumpkins, scarecrows and squirrels!	**2** As you read a book, point to the words.	**3** Make a grocery list with your child. Talk about food you need and how you will use it.	**4** Sing and move to “Scarecrow, Scarecrow, Turn Around” (lyrics on back)	**5** Put an object in your hand and have your child guess which hand it is in!	**6** The weather is changing. Go outside and talk about what you see and hear.	**7** Make trail mix with your child, following the recipe on the back.
8 Look at a family photo and talk about the people and where the picture was taken.	**9** Make leaf rubbings with white paper and peeled crayon pieces.	**10** Read a book to your child using funny voices!	**11** Tape two or three crayons together for your child to draw with.	**12** Sing “Leaves are Falling” (lyrics on back)	**13** Talk about your favorite part of the day.	**14** Write your child’s name on a piece of paper and cut the letters apart. Can your child put them back in order?
15 Sing “The Wheels on the Bus.”	**16** After grocery shopping, show your child the packages you bought and read the product names.	**17** Make letters using yarn.	**18** Have fun with a ball today- bounce, toss and roll it!	**19** Make a snack together with your child. Talk about the ingredients.	**20** Sing the alphabet song while marching around the room.	**21** Look for shapes in your house. Identify and name them.
22 Listen to music while playing today.	**23** Read a book with rhymes. Can you think of more rhyming words?	**24** Trace your child’s feet on a piece of paper and number each toe!	**25** Sing “Baa, Baa, Black Sheep” (lyrics on back)	**26** What are you thankful for? Talk about it together.	**27** Have your child draw zig-zags, squiggles and other lines on paper.	**28** Go outside- run, jump and have fun!
29 Play music and dance around!	**30** Visit the Library to get the December activity calendar or visit our website *farmlib.org/for-kids*					






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These are five of the best practices to prepare children to read. Have fun with your child!

Songs, Rhymes & Fun Activities

Children learn best by doing. Have fun together!

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep

Baa, baa, black sheep, have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full!
One for the master,
One for the dame,
And one for the little boy
Who lives down the lane.
Baa, baa, black sheep, have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full!

Scarecrow, Scarecrow, Turn Around

Tune: "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around"

Scarecrow, scarecrow, turn around.
Scarecrow, scarecrow, jump up and down!
Scarecrow, scarecrow, wave arms up high.
Scarecrow, scarecrow, blink your eyes.
Scarecrow, scarecrow, bend your knees.
Scarecrow, scarecrow, flap in the breeze.
Scarecrow, scarecrow, climb into bed.
Scarecrow, scarecrow, rest your head.

Leaves are Falling

Tune: "Jingle Bells"

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
One fell on my nose!

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
One fell on my toes!

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
One fell on my head!

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
Yellow, orange and red!

Kiddos' Favorite Trail Mix

(Include ingredients as you wish. Be aware of food allergies.)

Ingredients:

- 1 cup Cheerios toasted oat cereal
- 1 cup goldfish crackers or 1 cup other cheese crackers
- 1 cup favorite nuts
- 1 cup mini M&M's (or other chocolate candy)
- 1 cup miniature pretzels

Directions:

- Mix everything together in a sealed container.
- Store in cool, dry area (to prevent melting of chocolate candies.



Make leaf rubbings with white paper and peeled crayons.



Make letters using yarn.



Tape two or three cryaons together for your child to color with.

Your Library has many resources to help you talk, sing, read, write and play with your child. Visit us soon!

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