

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

# June 2024



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



**1** Talk with your child about the summer reading program that starts today! What book do you want to read first?

**2** Watch for construction vehicles around town. Find books at the Library to read about them!

**3** Let your child practice picking up small items with tweezers.

**4** Use tape to make a "road" on the floor and play with cars.

**5** Sing your ABCs to a stuffed animal or to a real one!

**6** When you share a book today, let your child turn the pages.

**7** Chant "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom" and have fun counting backwards together! (words on back)

**8** Blow bubbles and chase them around the yard.

**9** Pick up a favorite book and read it again!

**10** Talk about some favorite animals and what you like about them.

**11** Have your child draw a picture and then write down what they say about it.

**12** Join us for Kevin Devine's concert @ Riley Park! 7 p.m. (OR Jim Gill's concert on 6/26)

**13** Sing "Here's a Bubble." (lyrics on back)

**14** Go on a nature walk and collect a few things. Make a collage together.

**15** Make a card for your dad or another special someone.

**16** Sing "Happy Father's Day to You!" (lyrics on back)

**17** Pretend to be a bunny and hop around your yard!

**18** Read an alphabet book. Our Library's concept collection has many good choices.

**19** Tap out a rhythm with a spoon and pan. Have your child repeat the pattern.

**20** Summer begins today! Talk to your child about your favorite things to do in the summer.

**21** Sing "Mr. Sun." (lyrics with motions on back)

**22** Read "Little Miss Muffet." (rhyme on back). See if you can find spiders inside or outside!

**23** Draw a picture of your house and talk about it.

**24** Fill a sink or large container with water and put in items to see if they sink or float.

**25** Is it hot today? Talk about the sun and how plants grow.

**26** Record your child singing their favorite song. Play it back for him/her to hear!

**27** Read a non-fiction (true) book about nature or the seasons to welcome summer.

**28** Draw pictures of items that you want to buy at the grocery store.

**29** Visit the Library to get the July activity calendar or visit our website [farmlib.org/for-kids](http://farmlib.org/for-kids)

**30** "Fingerpaint" with yogurt on a plate.

talk • sing • read • write • play

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!



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Let your child practice picking up small items with tweezers.

## Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

Zoom, zoom, zoom, (*rub hands together, back and forth*)  
We're going to the moon. (*point to the sky*)  
Zoom, zoom, zoom, (*rub hands together, back and forth, again*)  
We'll get there very soon. (*point to the sky, again*)  
5, 4, 3, 2, 1, (*hold 5 fingers up and count down*)  
Blast off! (*toss child up gently in the air or jump off ground together*)

## Oh Mr. Sun

Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, (*hold arms above head in a circle*)  
Please shine down on me. (*lower arms, point to self*)

Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, (*hold arms above head in a circle*)  
Hiding behind a tree. (*put hands in front of face*)

These little children are asking you (*point to others in area*)  
To please come out so we can play with you. (*beckon with arm*)  
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, (*hold arms above head in a circle*)  
Please shine down on me. (*lower arms, point to self*)

## Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet  
Sat on a tuffet,  
Eating her curds and whey;  
Along came a spider,  
Who sat down beside her,  
And frightened Miss Muffet away.

## Happy Father's Day to You! Sung to: "Happy Birthday"

Happy Father's Day to you!  
Happy Father's Day to you!  
Happy Father's Day to my Daddy!  
Happy Father's Day to you!



Use tape to make a "road" on the floor and play with cars.

## Here's a Bubble

Sung to: "Where is Thumbkin?"

Here's a bubble, here's a bubble.  
Big and round; big and round.  
See it floating gently,  
See it floating gently,  
To the ground; to the ground.



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

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