

# MARCH 2024

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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## 1 WRITING

Using masking tape, write your child's name in large letters on the floor. Trace each letter by walking on it or by pushing a toy car.

## 2 PLAYING

Go for a walk outside, see if you can spot the following:

*A Squirrel; A Car; A Tree;  
An Airplane*

## 3 TALKING

Play show and tell to build speaking confidence. Everyone chooses something they're interested in and talks about it.

## 4 SINGING

Sing about what you are doing.

*This is the way we eat our food,  
eat our food, eat our food. This is  
the way we put on our shoes, etc.*

## 5 COUNTING

Have your child help you prepare a recipe by helping measure and count cups and spoonfuls.

## 6 READING

As you read, point out a picture and talk about it.

*That's a tree. Trees have  
branches and leaves. Birds  
sometimes build nests in them.*

## 7 WRITING

Practice drawing facial expressions. Draw a happy face, a sad face, a surprised face, an angry face, a silly face.

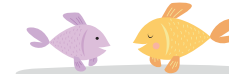
## 8 PLAYING

Pretend you and your child are diving in the ocean. What might you see? Describe the beautiful marine life you see.

## 9 TALKING

Point to and name body parts.

*Where is your mouth? Where are  
your ears? Where are your toes?*



## 10 SINGING

Gather some household items to use as instruments. Have a fun parade marching around the house singing and making music.

## 11 COUNTING

Say or sing "Five Little Froggies."

*(Words  
are on  
the back. ➡)*



## 12 READING

Show your child a selection of books. Ask which they'd like to read first, second, etc.



## 13 WRITING

Invite your child to help you write an email or text message to a relative. Show how you pick out the letters on the keyboard.

## 14 PLAYING

Line up chairs and pretend to drive a city bus. Take turns driving and being the passenger. Call out the stops!

## 15 TALKING

Use a block to pretend to talk on the phone. Hand the block to your child and say, "They want to talk to you."

## 16 SINGING

Sing or say and act out "Here is the Beehive."

*(Words are on  
the back. ➡)*



## 17 COUNTING

Use masking tape to measure yourself and your child on a wall. Compare the sizes. Who is taller? Who is shorter?

## 18 READING

Share what you are reading with your child. Read aloud a portion of a magazine, book, or newspaper that you are reading.

## 19 WRITING

Write a shopping list together. Take it to the store and check off the items as they are selected.



## 20 PLAYING

Pretend to be birds. Flap your wings and whistle and tweet. Talk about your favorite birds.



## 21 TALKING

Spring is here! Talk about what to expect in Springtime like warmer weather, rain and mud, flowers and trees beginning to blossom.

## 22 SINGING

Sing and dance "The Hokey Pokey."

*(Words and actions are on  
the back. ➡)*

## 23 COUNTING

Place several objects on a table. Talk about which is largest, which is heaviest, which is smallest.

## 24 READING

Make labels for common items in your home.

## 25 WRITING

Create a writing box together. Include paper and crayons. Decorate the outside and leave it within easy reach of your child.

## 26 PLAYING

Make a tent with sheets and furniture. Pretend you are camping. What do you see? What do you hear?

## 27 TALKING

Have your child "interview" family members or friends with fun questions. This encourages them to ask questions and listen actively.

## 28 SINGING

Play or sing your favorite song together. Sing it fast, sing it slow. Sing it loud, sing it in a whisper.

## 29 COUNTING

Collect a variety of rocks and pebbles. Write numbers on each. Help your child put them in order.

## 30 READING

Help your child notice words throughout the day. Point out street signs, words on food cartons, billboards, and more.

## 31 WRITING

Draw and decorate the alphabet together.

## Playing to learn new words.

Play is one of the best ways for children to learn language and literacy skills. Play helps children feel a sense of accomplishment and self-confidence. This motivates them to try new experiences and not to give up when something seems difficult. Also, it's fun!

### FIVE LITTLE FROGGIES

Five little froggies sat on a shore.  
(Crouch like a frog)

One went for a swim, then there were four.  
(Pretend to leap and swim off)

Four little froggies  
(Crouch like a frog)

Looked out to sea.  
(Put your hand at brow and look out to sea)

One went swimming, and then there were three.  
(Pretend to leap and swim off)

Three little froggies said, "What can we do?"

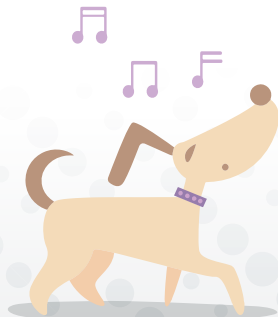
One jumped in the water, then there were two.  
(Pretend to leap and swim off)

Two little froggies sat in the sun.  
(Crouch like a frog)

One swam off, and then there was one.  
(Pretend to leap and swim off)

One little froggie said "This is no fun!"

He dived in the water, and then there were none!



### HERE IS THE BEEHIVE

Here is the beehive. (Make a fist)

Where are the bees?

Hiding inside where nobody sees.

Watch them come creeping out of the hive,

One, two, three, four, five (Release one finger at a time  
from the fist/hive)

BUZZ-ZZZ (Wiggle fingers)

### THE HOKEY POKEY

You put your right foot in

You take your right foot out.

You put your right foot in

And you shake it all about.

You do the hokey pokey

And you turn yourself around.

That's what it's all about.

REPEAT WITH "LEFT FOOT," "RIGHT HAND," "LEFT HAND,"  
AND "WHOLE SELF!"

# Books to Read this Month

Check out these books at the library!

You can find a new list of recommended books each month at  
[DaytonMetroLibrary.org/EarlyLiteracy](http://DaytonMetroLibrary.org/EarlyLiteracy).

## FOR READERS AGES 0-3

***Baby Up, Baby Down: A First Book of Opposites***

by Abrams Appleseed

***Inside Outside*** by Lizi Boyd

## FOR READERS AGES 3+

***Night Owl Night***

by Susan Edwards Richmond

***River of Mariposas***

by Mirelle Ortega

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booklist here or you can  
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