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MAY 2021 Early Literacy At Home Learning

Help your child develop early literacy skills and Grow Up Reading™. Enjoy a fun, family activity each day that helps teach important pre-reading skills.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1 Talking

Talk about your favorite Mother Goose rhyme today in honor of *Mother Goose Day*.

2 Singing

Take turns singing all of the nursery rhymes you know with a family member.

3 Reading

Check out and read a Mother Goose Nursery Rhyme book.

4 Writing

It's *National Bird Day*. Draw a picture of a bird and write the letter "B" at the top of your picture.

5 Counting

Write numbers 1-5 on 5 different cups. Count the right number of items and put them into the correct cup.

6 Playing

Play the game "Can you move like this animal?" Play some music and dance around. Freeze the music and yell out an animal to move like!

7 Talking

Talk about the animals you see in the spring.

8 Singing

Check out a sing-able picture book and have fun singing the book together.

9 Reading

Read a book outside.

10 Writing

Practice writing the letters M-A-Y.

11 Counting

It's *Eat What You Want Day*! Count the number of different foods you eat today.

12 Playing

Have a green theme day! Eat items that are green, wear clothes that are green, and find toys that are green.

13 Talking

Talk about something that made you happy today.

14 Singing

Sing *The Wheels on the Bus* together and have fun doing all the motions.

15 Reading

Read a book with a yellow cover.

16 Writing

Draw a spring picture with crayons and markers.

17 Counting

Count while driving in the car or taking a walk. Count the number of signs or specific color cars as you go.

18 Playing

Play a game of "I Spy" and look for things that start with the letter "M".

19 Talking

Talk about a fun adventure you had this month. Use lots of details to describe the event.

20 Singing

Sing *The Insects on the Bus* song today and have fun with the lyrics.

21 Reading

Read a book about flowers or plants.

22 Writing

Make a bug! Dip your thumb in washable paint and print your thumbprint on a piece of paper. Decorate by adding antennae and legs.

23 Counting

Count the bugs you see outside.

30 Playing

Mold Play-doh into numbers, shapes or letters.

24 Playing

Go to the park and play!

31 Talking

Talk about the ways you can be kind to others.

25 Talking

Talk about rainbows. What makes them unique?

26 Singing

Sing your favorite song loudly, then try it quietly.

27 Reading

Have quiet reading time today.

28 Writing

Draw a picture from a nursery rhyme you enjoy.

29 Counting

Roll a dice and draw the number of circles from the dice onto your paper.

The Library partners with parents to help children Grow Up Reading™

Parents are a child's first teachers. Help your child develop essential early literacy skills and build a strong foundation for future reading success with these six powerful practices.

Talking | **Singing** | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Playing** | **Counting**

Grow Up Reading™ Tips for May: Talking

- Through much research it has been found that adult-child communication is one of the top literacy skill development strategies available for families.
- Take turns with your child by encouraging her to respond to your words and actions. The conversations you have with her should encourage and engage back and forth conversation.
- Help your child learn that books and reading are fun. Talk about the pictures in books, wonder out loud what might happen next in the story, point out words and letters, and let your child touch and hold the book and turn the pages. You can make up your own stories to go with the pictures in the book.

Book Suggestions for May:

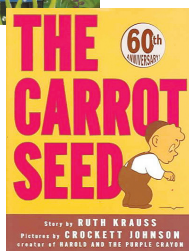
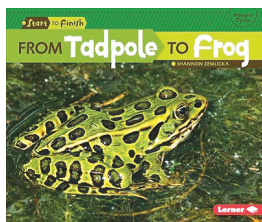
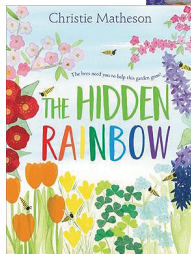
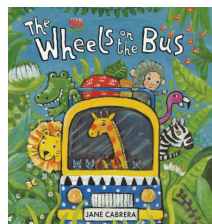
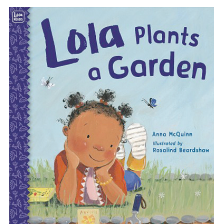
The Carrot Seed
by Ruth Krauss

The Hidden Rainbow
by Christie Matheson

The Wheels on the Bus
by Jane Cabrera

Lola Plants a Garden
by Anna McQuinn

From Tadpole to Frog
by Shannon Zemlicka



The Insects Outside

(Tune: The Wheels on the Bus)

The fireflies at night go blink, blink, blink
Blink, blink, blink, blink, blink, blink
The fireflies at night go blink, blink, blink
Out in the garden.

The bees in the flowers go buzz, buzz, buzz
Buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz
The bees in the flowers go buzz, buzz, buzz
Out in the garden.

Other verses:

cricket/fields/chirp
caterpillars/on the leaves/munch
spiders/in the bush/ spin their webs
worms/in the ground/ wiggle and squirm



The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round
Round and round
The wheels on the bus go round and round
All 'round the town.

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish
Swish, swish, swish
Swish, swish, swish
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish
All 'round the town.

Other verses:

The people on the bus go up and down...
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep...
The baby on the bus goes 'whaa whaa whaa'...
The parents on the bus go 'shh, shh, shh'....

Listening to nursery rhymes and songs is an early literacy experience that helps children understand how language works. The "Wheels on the Bus" is one of the rhymes in the Library's *Nursery Rhymes, Songs and Fingerplays* booklet. The booklet comes with tips parents can use to develop language skills. Ask for a copy when you come to the Library.



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