



Pre-Literacy Activities

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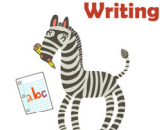
Help your child get ready to read and write with one fun and simple activity a day!



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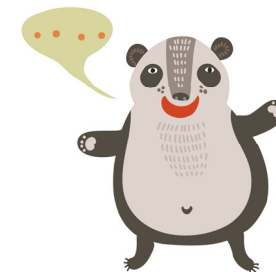


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy New Year! Talk about your New Year Resolution. Draw or write it.
2 Think of words that rhyme with "cold". Act them out!	3 Make a bed for a stuffy or doll out of a box. Pretend it is bedtime.	4 National Spaghetti Day! Make spaghetti art, or help make spaghetti to eat!	5 Draw a picture of something you look forward to doing this year.	6 Do the "Penguin Pokey"! Put your beak, flippers, feet, whole self...in & out, and waddle all around!	7 Go on a "shape walk." Look for shapes in the world around you.	8 National Bubble Bath Day! Make bubble beards, hair, earrings, etc., in the tub.
9 Make art with glue & items you find lying around the house.	10 Look for the letters in your name on food boxes or bags from your kitchen.	11 Read a book with word/ thought bubbles & point them out. (Try Elephant & Piggie books by Willems!)	12 Make a road with blocks or tape. Drive a toy car on the road. Add a bridge or tunnel!	13 Look at family photos. Talk about relationships, where they live, what they are doing, etc.	14 Take a walk & look for things that start with "J" (for January)!	15 National Hat Day! Wear or make a fun or silly hat! Look for ideas online.
16 Play Veterinary Hospital with your stuffed animals.	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day! Talk about Martin Luther King, Jr., then do or say something kind or helpful.	18 VISIT SCCLD ONLINE Stream children's shows & animated picture books! Search for " Kanopy Kids " on our scclld.org website.	19 National Popcorn Day! Make popcorn & do simple counting & math with the pieces.	20 Play animal freeze dance. Stop the music & call out an animal to act like! Then dance again & repeat with another animal.	21 Pretend the floor or a bed is the ocean or a lake. What animals are in there? What activities can you do?	22 VISIT "STORYTIME ONLINE" for stories, songs, fingerplays & more at: https://scclld.org/storytime-online/
23 Make a collage with pictures ripped or cut from magazines.	24 What animals live in the forest? Talk about their sounds & what they eat.	25 Opposite Day! Talk about opposites: in/out, up/down, happy/sad. Say "Good Morning" at	26 Pick a book with a blue cover. Read it together & talk about what you thought of the book.	27 Draw a face. Show how by changing the mouth, eyes, or eyebrows, the emotion changes.	28 Make a list of 3-5 things you will do today. Cross each off as you complete it.	29 Make snow people out of cotton balls, paper & glue.
30 Finger paint with yogurt! A baking sheet works well as a "canvas."	31 Play "Red Light, Green Light."	bedtime. Say "Goodbye!" when you mean "Hello!"				



Pre-Literacy Practices

Five ways to help your child get ready to read:



Singing



Sing every chance you get! Singing slows down language and helps children hear the smaller sounds in words. Songs expose children to words they don't hear in everyday language. This vocabulary boost helps them when they learn to read.



Reading

Curl up with a book at bedtime, or any time. Keep books everywhere: in the car, stroller, and bath tub. Role model the love of reading together. Most kids who have been read 1,000 books by the time they start Kindergarten are ready to learn to read.



Talking

Even newborns benefit from lots of talking! Tell stories, talk about the books you read, use new words, start conversations. Ask open-ended questions, giving children time to think and answer. Talking back and forth uses four parts of the brain; it takes young children extra time to form responses.

Playing



Play is the “work” of children. Pretend play builds vocabulary, stretches the imagination, and nurtures pre-reading skills. Symbolic play (This box is a car! A boat! A train!) is the same type of thinking that allows them to understand that a picture or the written word represents a real thing.

Writing



Play with a variety of writing tools. Color, draw, scribble, and write with crayons, chalk, or sticks in dirt or sand. Writing activities help children understand that writing and print has meaning. Developing fine motor skills prepares children for writing.

