


# Pre-Literacy Activities

# July 2024

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
 <p>7 Model being a reader! Read in front of your child. Tell them about what you read.</p>	<p>1 You can still sign up for the <b>Summer Reading Program!</b> <a href="https://scclid.org/summer2024/">https://scclid.org/summer2024/</a></p>	<p>2 Look around for things that start with "F" (for Flag).</p>	<p>3 Talk about the colors &amp; shapes on the United States flag. Go on a walk &amp; look for red &amp; blue things.</p>	<p>4 <b>Happy 4th of July!</b> Eat foods that are red, white &amp; blue. Decorate a scooter or bicycle &amp; go for a festive ride!</p>	<p>5 Think of words that rhyme with "red."</p>	<p>6 Make "sand". Mix 4 cups whole wheat flour &amp; 1/2 cup vegetable oil. Get creative playing with your "sand"!</p>
<p>14 Sit outside quietly with your eyes closed. Talk about all of the sounds you hear.</p>	<p>8 Find objects outside or around the house. Talk about how they are the same &amp; different.</p>	<p>9 Ask "W" questions while reading: Who, What, When, Where, Why: <i>Why is she angry? What would you do?</i></p>	<p>10 <b>National Kitten Day!</b> Read a cat book: try <i>Pete the Cat; Kitten's First Full Moon;</i> or <i>Splat the Cat.</i></p>	<p>11 Ask your child to draw a picture of their favorite summer activity &amp; "sign" their art !</p>	<p>12 <b>National Paper Bag Day!</b> Make paper bag puppets &amp; play together.</p>	<p>13 Scavenger Hunt! Look for something: hard, round, orange, sticky, rough, shiny, wooden, etc.</p>
<p>21 <b>National Ice Cream Day!</b> Play Ice Cream Store. Make "ice cream" out of play dough, clay, etc.</p>	<p>15 Ask your child to tell you a bedtime story.</p>	<p>16 As you read, explain what a punctuation mark means: question mark, comma, exclamation mark, or period.</p>	<p>17 <b>VISIT SCCLD ONLINE:</b> Check out an eBook or Downloadable Audiobook about the <b>ocean</b>. Ask how!</p>	<p>18 Tape a line, circle, square, etc., on the floor. Walk along them.</p>	<p>19 Cut pictures out of a magazine. Make up a story together based on the pictures.</p>	<p>20 <b>National Moon Day!</b> Play "Simon Says": put moon-boots on, jump on the moon, blast off, etc.</p>
<p>28 Play with bubbles &amp; chant this to the rhythm of <b>One Potato, Two Potato:</b></p> <p><i>1 bubble, 2 bubbles, 3 bubbles, 4! 5 bubbles, 6 bubbles, 7 bubbles...MORE!</i></p>	<p>22 Tell your child one of your favorite childhood summer memories. Ask what theirs is from this summer.</p>	<p>23 Write the numbers 1-9. Let your child choose a number. Share that many high-fives or hugs. Repeat!</p>	<p>24 <b>Amelia Earhart Day!</b> Make a paper plane &amp; measure how far it flies!</p>	<p>25 Set up stuffed animals &amp; play <i>Duck, Duck, Goose</i> with them!</p>	<p>26 Count blocks as you stack them together.</p>	<p>27 Play music with a fast beat, medium beat, &amp; slow beat. Talk about it &amp; dance!</p>



Playing



Reading



Writing



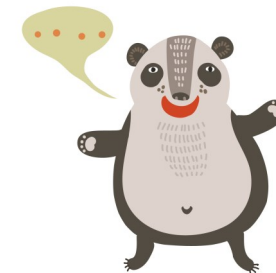
Talking



Singing

# 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.



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