



PRE-LITERACY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

JULY 2025



Read



Sing



Play



Write



Talk

Prepare your child to read & write with one fun, easy activity each day!

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Visit a NEW Storybook SCCLD Play Space!

NOW OPEN:

Gilroy Library

Milpitas Library

Morgan Hill Library

Saratoga Library

6

Model being a reader! Read in front of your child. Tell them about what you read.

13

Sit outside with your eyes closed & listen. Talk about the sounds you hear.

20

National Moon Day
Play "Simon Says, in Space"! Put moon boots on, jump on the moon, blast off, etc.

27

Chant this rhyme as you blow bubbles:

1 bubble, 2 bubbles,
3 bubbles, 4!
5 bubbles, 6 bubbles,
7 bubbles, MORE!

7

Sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" & clap along to each syllable.

14

Find objects outside or around the house. Talk about how they are the same & different.

21

Ask your child to tell you a bedtime story.

28

Count blocks as you stack them.

1

Join the **Summer Reading Program** here: scclld.org/summer2025
Write down the title of a book you read.

8

Can you find something rough & something smooth in a Storybook SCCLD Play Space?

15

Ask "W" questions as you read: Who, What, When, Where & Why: Why is she angry? What would you do?

22

Set up stuffed animals & play *Duck, Duck, Goose* with them!

29

Spread a towel somewhere outside & read a book together.

2

Look for things that start with "J" for July!

9

Draw a picture of your favorite summer activity & "sign" your art.

16

Set up stuffed animals & play *Duck, Duck, Goose* with them!

23

Choose a number & share that many high-fives or hugs. Repeat with another number!

30

Visit a Storybook SCCLD Play Space & look for a circle, square & triangle.

3

Think of words that rhyme with the word "red."

10

National Kitten Day
Read a cat book! Try:
-*Pete the Cat*
-*Kitten's First Full Moon*
-*Splat the Cat*

17

Sing "The Wheels on the Bus."

24

Amelia Earhart Day
Make a paper airplane. Measure how far it flies.

31

Tell your child a favorite summer memory. Talk about one of their favorite memories.

4

Happy 4th of July!
Eat red, white & blue foods.

11

Go on a scavenger hunt! Look for something: hard, round, orange, sticky, rough, shiny, wooden, etc.

18

Make shapes in a tray of rice with your finger.

25

Clap or hop once for each syllable in the names of family & friends.

5

Visit a Storybook SCCLD Play Space & count how many times you go down the slide!

12

National Paper Bag Day
Make paper bag puppets. Act out a story with them.

19

Find 5 things in a Storybook SCCLD Play Space that are your favorite color.

26

Make "sand" to play with. Mix 4 cups whole wheat flour & ½ cup vegetable oil.

FIVE PRE-LITERACY PRACTICES

THAT HELP YOUR CHILD GET READY TO READ:

Read



Model a love of reading. Cuddle up together with a book at bedtime, or anytime. Keep books everywhere: in the car, stroller, and bathroom. Most kids who have been read 1,000 books by the time they start Kindergarten are ready to learn to read.

Sing



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.

Play



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.

Write



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

Talk



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 plenty of time to think and answer.

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