



PRE-LITERACY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 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

7
Play “camping.” Build a “campfire” and “tent,” and tell a not-so-scary story.

14
Spread a towel or blanket outside and read books together.

21
Look for things that are opposites: hard/soft, smooth/rough, big/small, etc.

28
Talk about what made you smile or laugh today.

1
Think of words that start with “S” (like September)!

8
Pick a nursery rhyme to practice this month until you have memorized it.

15
Go on a nature walk. Find 10 leaves. How do they look? Feel? Smell? Count them!

22
First Day of Fall
Make an “Autumn Wand”: Glue leaves and ribbon to the end of a stick.

29
Draw with sidewalk chalk outside or on construction paper. Write your name!

2
Freeze water and food coloring to make popsicles you can paint with.

9
Teddy Bear Day
Have a tea party with your favorite stuffed friend.

16
Make up a song about something you did over the weekend.

23
Finger paint with yogurt or pudding.

30
Count the number of types of things outside: birds, ants, trees, dogs, etc.

3
Talk about your favorite songs and sing them.

10
Find some words in a [Storybook SCCLD Play Space](#) and count the syllables.

17
Read a story and talk about the characters.

24
Punctuation Day
Point to punctuation marks in a book and talk about what they mean.

4
Read the rules in a [Storybook SCCLD Play Space](#) to stay safe while you play!

11
Sing *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes* in the bath. Name more body parts: waist, wrist, ankle, heel, etc.

18
Mix up some of your shoes and socks. Then match them!

25
Play with bubbles and sing these words to the tune of *Frere Jacques*:
Hello bubbles (sing 2x)
Come and land (2x)
Right in the middle (2x)
Of my hand! (2x)

5
Read a favorite book and then ask your child to tell you about the story.

12
Use kitchen tongs to pick up cotton balls and drop them into a container. Count them as you go.

19
[Invite a friend to visit a Storybook SCCLD Play Space with you!](#)

26
Johnny Appleseed Day
Eat an apple, and read a book or eBook about apples.

6
Clap, stomp or jump to the syllables in your name.

13
List your family members. Draw them, look at photos, and/or write their names.

20
Dance Day
Get moving! Do the *Chicken Dance*, the *Hokey Pokey*, or just free dance!

27
[Play a game of Simon Says in a Storybook SCCLD Play Space.](#)

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 will allow 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, and start conversations with children. Ask open-ended questions, allowing plenty of time to think and answer.

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