



PRE-LITERACY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 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 Storybook SCCLD Play Space!

NOW OPEN:

Cupertino Library
Gilroy Library
Milpitas Library

Morgan Hill Library
Saratoga Library

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Make a music shaker. Staple two paper plates together with beans inside. Then boogie to a song!

9

Put objects such as toys, rocks, balls or crayons, into groups of five.

16

Make a tightrope on the floor with tape. Walk across it. Try it with a bean bag on your head!

23

Write a list of family members. Talk about how they are related.

30

Play "Simon Says."

3

Use a clothespin or tongs to pick up small objects and drop them into a cup. Count them!

10

Bake something (real or pretend)! Discuss each step and talk about the recipe ingredients.

17

Find something in a SCCLD Play Space that you are grateful for.

24

Plan an indoor "parade." Decorate boxes for floats and march to music!

4

Pick a letter from the alphabet and write it. Place dried beans or pennies along the lines of the letter.

11

Write the numbers 1,2,3,4, and 5. Circle your child's age.

18

Trace your hand and turn it into a turkey by adding the beak, eyes, wattle, snood, and feet.

25

Puzzle fun! Cut a picture from a magazine into a few pieces. Then put them back together.

5

Find as many robot mascots as you can in a SCCLD Play Space. Count them!

12

Look in the mirror and make different faces. Try: Happy, Sad, Silly, Surprised, Mad, Grumpy.

19

National Play Monopoly Day
Play a board or card game.

26

Look around for things that start with "T" (like Turkey!)

6

Pretend to be different animals! Move, eat, and sound like them.

13

World Kindness Day
Do or say something kind.

20

Pour sugar in a tray or cookie sheet and let your child write in the sugar with their finger.

27

Happy Thanksgiving!
Write or draw what you are grateful for.

7

Look around for things that are your favorite color.

14

National Family PJ Day
Put on your favorite pajamas and enjoy a dance party or movie night!

21

National Gingerbread Cookie Day
Read the Gingerbread Man story. Act it out!

28

Act out a story with puppets or stuffed animals. Talk about the characters and setting.

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National Authors Day
Talk about what authors do. Who wrote your favorite book? Tell a story!

8

Make up a song about your favorite food. Sing it to a familiar tune.

15

Go somewhere *high* and somewhere *low* in a SCCLD Play Space.

22

Make jewelry with pasta or O-shaped cereal strung onto a pipe cleaner or yarn.

29

Find something *hard* and something *soft* in a 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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