



PRE-LITERACY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2026



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

SUN

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1

Black History Month

Read an award-winning picture book like *Sulwe*, *The Undefeated*, or *The Day You Begin*.

2

Groundhog Day

Pretend to be a groundhog hiding in a hole. Pop up and look for your shadow!

3

February starts with the letter "F." Look around for things that also start with "F."

4

Heart Freeze Dance: Cut out a heart. When the music stops, say a body part to place the heart on!

5

Look at a calendar and count the number of days until Valentine's Day.

6

Think of words that rhyme with "heart."

7

Visit a SCCLD Play Space and talk to your child about their favorite thing to do there.

8

Make up "Roses are red, Violets are blue," poems together. For example, "I love to read, and you do, too!"

9

Describe the shades of red and pink items you see: fuchsia, coral, brick, burgundy, tomato, etc.

10

Ask each family member to say, write, or draw 3 things they love.

11

National Inventors' Day
Invent something! Maybe a new snack?

12

Use a measuring tape or ruler to measure objects. Write the numbers down.

13

Make a valentine for someone special.

14

Valentine's Day
Eat pink, red and white foods today!

15

Find something *light* and something *dark* in a SCCLD Play Space.

16

Presidents' Day

Vote for your favorite snack, animal, color, etc.

17

Time yourself walking down the block, and then again walking faster. Or, pick a shorter distance.

18

Count out a snack like grapes, tomatoes, nuts, or berries.

19

Play with a kitchen tool in the bath tub. Try a baster, strainer, funnel or tongs.

20

Love Your Pet Day
Take a walk and find a "pet rock." Spend the day with your new "pet"!

21

Allow an ice cube to thaw. Check on it periodically. How long did it take to go from a solid to a liquid?

22

Turn on music. Take turns copying each other's dance moves.

23

Sing the *Alphabet Song* together as you wash your hands.

24

Put blankets and pillows on the floor. Jump from "island" to "island." Count your jumps!

25

Find something *behind* and something *in front* of in a SCCLD Play Space.

26

Two Little Lovebirds
(Hold up 2 index fingers)
Two little lovebirds
Sitting on a hill
1 named Jack,
1 named Jill.
Fly away Jack,
Fly away Jill (move each finger behind back)
Come back Jack,
Come back Jill
(bring each finger forward)

27

Tell a Fairy Tale Day
Check out a fairy tale from the library, tell one of your favorites, or make up your own story!

28

Play with magnets on a baking sheet.

Visit a Storybook SCCLD Play Space!

NOW OPEN:

Cupertino Library
Gilroy Library
Milpitas Library

Morgan Hill Library
Saratoga Library

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.

