



PRE-LITERACY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MAY 2026



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

3
Find 3 things from nature and 3 human-made items in a SCCLD Play Space.

10
Happy Mother's Day!
Make a card for a mother you know: grandma, aunt, teacher, neighbor, etc.

17
Build a tower out of something: Legos, blocks, books, etc. Count how many items high it is.

24
Play *Tic Tac Toe*.

31
Sing and act out *The Itsy-Bitsy Spider*

4
May starts with the letter "M." Look around for things that also start with "M."

11
Visit a SCCLD Play Space and find as many rectangles as you can.

18
Read a book with rhyming words. Count the number of words on a page that rhyme.

25
Pick flowers (with permission!). Press them between the pages of a heavy book. Tape them to paper.

5
National Astronaut Day
Read a book about astronauts or space. Pretend to be an astronaut!

12
Write a list of "Things To Do." Cross them off as you complete them.

19
Put heavy cream in a small, lidded jar and take turns shaking vigorously until it becomes butter.

26
Paper Airplane Day
Make a paper airplane. Measure how far it flies.

6
VISIT SCCLD ONLINE
Check out an eBook or Downloadable Audiobook about mothers.

13
Frog Jumping Day
Pretend to be a frog! Jump, eat and ribbit like a frog. Play leap frog.

20
Trace letters using crayons, markers, or paint.

27
Describe and categorize an item together. "This apple is red, round, a fruit, hard..."

7
Practice singing a phone number to a tune like *Mary Had a Little Lamb* or *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*.

14
Dance Like a Chicken Day
Do the Chicken Dance! Look for a video online.

21
Read a counting book, then choose something fun to count!

28
Label items around the house. Point to the word on the label as you retrieve each item.

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Mother Goose Day
Read nursery rhymes and act one out.

8
Find the phrase "I Can Read!" in a SCCLD Play Space.

15
Read a book and draw a picture about the story.

22
Fill a water table or large bowl with water. Put different objects in and talk about what floats.

29
Play bug-themed *Simon Says*. Simon says: fly like a butterfly, buzz like a bee, march like an ant.

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Celebrate **Asian American and Pacific Islander Month!** Visit [SCCLD Online](#) for resources.

9
GRAND OPENING of the Campbell Library and Play Space!

16
National Love a Tree Day
Go on a walk and hug 5 trees.

23
Find the number of the age you are in a SCCLD Play Space.

30
Blow bubbles together. Count the bubbles as you pop them!

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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