



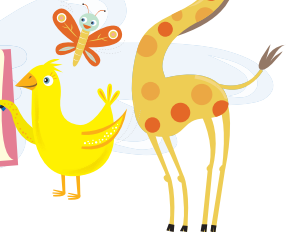
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APRIL 2019 Early Literacy At Home Learning

Help your child develop early literacy skills and Grow Up Reading™. Enjoy a fun, family activity each day that helps teach important pre-reading skills.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 Talking Talk about your favorite part of today.	2 Singing Sing The Itsy Bitsy Spider today.	3 Reading April is National Poetry Month. Check out a book of poems or a poetry picture book.	4 Writing Use chalk to write on colored paper.	5 Counting Count the blue items you see in your room.	6 Playing Measure ingredients into a bowl. Mix them up and talk about the different textures.	
7 Talking Talk about your favorite thing to do on a rainy day.	8 Singing Sing a bedtime song to your toys.	9 Reading Read a book with a blue cover.	10 Writing Draw your shapes, circles, squares, rectangles and triangles. Talk about how many sides each shape has.	11 Counting Find 3 different size balls. Roll them down the stairs and see which one rolls faster. Count the number of stairs the balls go down.	12 Playing Use a paper lunch bag to make a puppet. Decorate the puppet and tell your friends and family a story.	13 Talking Talk about the seasons and how the season of Spring will change what you see outside.	
14 Singing Learn some new songs in Japanese during a special Japanese storytime and craft at the Main Library.	15 Reading April is known for it's rain. Read a book about rain or items related to rain (umbrellas, rainbows, puddles, etc.)	16 Writing Use your snack; pretzels, goldfish, fruit, etc. to form letters or shapes.	17 Counting Count the number of steps it takes to walk across your room.	18 Playing Play a board game or a card game with your family or friends.	19 Talking Talk about objects that start with the letter "A" like April.	20 Singing Sing Old MacDonald Had a Farm.	
21 Reading April showers bring May flowers. Check out and read a book about flowers.	22 Writing Practice writing the letters in your name.	23 Counting Count along with musician Randy Kaplan during today's family concert at the Main Library.	24 Playing Pretend you are playing in the rain. Jump in the puddles and blow bubbles in the wind.	25 Talking Today is World Penguin Day. Talk about penguins. Where do they live? How do they move around?	26 Singing Make up your own songs as you do work around the house. What type of lyrics would you make up if you were sweeping the house?	27 Reading Read a book with penguins in the story.	
28 Writing Draw a picture of a rainy day.	29 Counting Have fun playing with blocks. Sort them by color and shapes. Count how many are in each pile.	30 Playing Have a pajama party day! Play in your pajamas and invite your stuffed friends to join you throughout the day.					

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The Library partners with parents to help children Grow Up Reading™

Parents are a child's first teachers. Help your child develop essential early literacy skills and build a strong foundation for future reading success with these six powerful practices.

Talking | **Singing** | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Playing** | **Counting**

Grow Up Reading™ Tips for April: Reading

- Read favorite stories again and again. Seek out books about things your toddler especially likes — trains, animals, the moon. These books may extend a toddler's attention span and build enthusiasm for reading.
- Let your child interact with the book during reading time. Babies cannot yet turn pages on their own, but an 18-month-old will want to give it a try, and a 3-year-old can certainly do it alone.
- Talking, listening to and telling stories, and hearing new vocabulary words are really the keys to early literacy. A child needs to build these important skills before she is ready to recognize letters and words. And she works on them every day by telling stories, hearing her parents and teachers introduce new words and complex language, and listening to them read aloud from books and other materials. These daily interactions help her make the connection between words on a page and spoken language.

Book Suggestions for April:

Feel the Beat: Dance Poems That Zing from Salsa to Swing by Marilyn Singer

The Rain is a Pain by Amy Hsu Lin

The Umbrella by Jan Brett

Flower Garden by Eve Bunting

Hello, Penguin! by Kathryn Williams



Old MacDonald Had a Farm

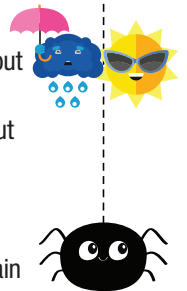
Old MACDONALD had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on his farm he had a cow
E-I-E-I-O

With a moo moo here
And a moo moo there
Here a moo, there a moo
Everywhere a moo moo
Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O

*Add more animals to the farm along with
The noises each of those animals make.*

The Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy-bitsy spider
Climbed up the water spout
Down came the rain
And washed the spider out
Out came the sun
And dried up all the rain
And the itsy-bitsy spider
Climbed up the spout again



Check out Youth Literacy Kits for preschoolers that focus on key pre-reading and math concepts and skills.



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