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# MAY 2022 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
<b>1 Talking</b> It's <i>National Mother Goose Day!</i> Talk about what a nursery rhyme is and some of your favorites.	<b>2 Singing</b> Take turns singing all of the nursery rhymes you know together.	<b>3 Reading</b> Check out and read a Mother Goose Nursery Rhyme book together.	<b>4 Writing</b> Draw a picture from a Nursery Rhyme such as Baa, Baa Black Sheep or Humpty Dumpty Sat on a Wall.	<b>5 Counting</b> Count the birds you see outside your house today.	<b>6 Playing</b> Have a yellow theme day! Eat items that are yellow, wear clothes that are yellow and find toys that are yellow.	<b>7 Talking</b> Talk about the animals you see in the spring.
<b>8 Singing</b> Check out a sing-able picture book and have fun singing the book together.	<b>9 Reading</b> Explore the world from a comfy chair. Check out and read a book about another country.	<b>10 Writing</b> Write a list of fun things to do together and then pick one to do today.	<b>11 Counting</b> Cars come in all different colors. Count the number of white cars you see today.	<b>12 Playing</b> Pretend to be a butterfly, a bug, a caterpillar and a bird. How do you move for each one?	<b>13 Talking</b> Share one thing that made you happy today.	<b>14 Singing</b> Sing <i>Five Green and Speckled Frogs</i> today.
<b>15 Reading</b> Read a book about flowers or plants.	<b>16 Writing</b> Draw a spring picture with crayons and markers.	<b>17 Counting</b> Write numbers on a piece of paper and tape them to your blocks. Practice your numbers and counting as you stack the blocks.	<b>18 Playing</b> Play a game of "I Spy" and look for things that start with the letter "M".	<b>19 Talking</b> Talk about sunshine. What do you like to do on a sunny day?	<b>20 Singing</b> Sing your favorite song together and make up silly lyrics.	<b>21 Reading</b> Look at the cover of a book and guess what it's about together. After reading it talk about how you were right or wrong.
<b>22 Writing</b> Use your art supplies to make bugs! You can draw them, paint them, or even build them with your supplies.	<b>23 Counting</b> Roll the dice and draw the number of circles from the dice onto your paper.	<b>24 Playing</b> Have fun making silly faces today! Can you make a mad face? A surprised face?	<b>25 Talking</b> What is the weather like today? What will you wear if you go outside?	<b>26 Singing</b> Have fun singing about bugs with <i>I'm a Little Ladybug</i> .	<b>27 Reading</b> Have quiet reading time today.	<b>28 Writing</b> Work on making shapes today. What can you draw with just using shapes in your design?
<b>29 Counting</b> Line up a set of cards with the numbers 1-5 on each one. Have an adult call out a number and touch the right card as fast as you can!	<b>30 Playing</b> Head to the park for some outdoor play!	<b>31 Talking</b> Talk about what you like or dislike about spring.				



# 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 May: Talking

- Children between the ages of 2 years and 5 years old are just starting to understand emotions, such as fear, anger, frustration and disappointment. Labeling those feelings for your child is a great part of learning communication skills and helps children to identify and understand emotions.
- Letting the children in your life know that they are loved for who they are now and who they will become helps create a trusting relationship. Build your relationship by spending dedicated time with your child doing something they choose, paying attention to their likes and interests. During these moments, put aside other distractions, including household chores and electronic devices. It can be tempting (and sometimes necessary) to multitask, but it is also important to show your child that you are focused on them.
- Be gentle but firm. If you've made up your mind about something, stick to it. Make sure you and your partner agree on the issue and stay united in your decision. Your kids may not like the choice at the time, but they will know it stands firm and won't bother persisting with either of you or playing one parent against the other. Try to make your requests sound important, speaking as though you mean it; a wishy-washy tone gives kids the impression you aren't concerned about whether they'll follow your directions.

## Book Suggestions for May:

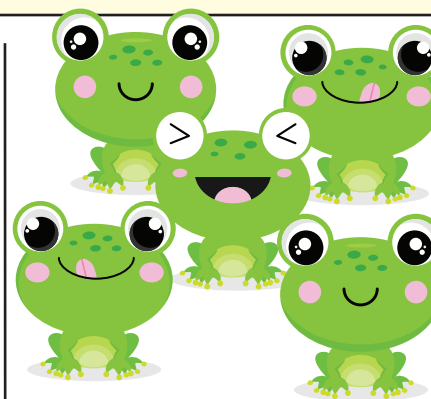
*Old MacDonald Had a Truck*  
by Steve Goetz

*Farmyard Beat* by Lindsey Craig

*Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Elbert

*The Curious Garden* by Peter Brown

*Someday* by Alison McGhee



## Five Green and Speckled Frogs

Five little speckled frogs sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious grubs (yum, yum!)  
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool  
Now there are four green speckled frogs

Four little speckled frogs sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious grubs (yum, yum!)  
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool  
Now there are three green speckled frogs

Three little speckled frogs sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious grubs (yum, yum!)  
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool  
Now there are two green speckled frogs

Two little speckled frogs sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious grubs (yum, yum!)  
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool  
Now there is one green speckled frog

One little speckled frog sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious grubs (yum, yum!)  
It jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool  
Now there are no green speckled frogs

## I'm a Little Ladybug

(sung to "I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a little ladybug,  
Red and black,  
With the tiniest spots  
All over my back.  
I fly all round the garden,  
And land upon a rose,  
Then the grass, and  
Then your nose!



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