

EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
2024

SUNDAY



St. Louis
County
Library

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

3 SING

Sing "Mr. Sun" to the morning sun as you get up and start your day.

4 WRITE

Play with a bag of hair gel and food coloring. Tape it to the floor during tummy time or write on it with your finger.

5 PLAY

Create an indoor obstacle course with pillows and chairs to jump over or crawl through.

6 READ

Check out a new book at the library and talk about the new words you come across while reading.

7 TALK

Take a bubble bath and count how many bubbles you can pop.

8 SING

Sing a favorite nursery rhyme like "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

9 WRITE

It's scribble day! Scribble and draw with crayons, markers and paper.

10 PLAY

Make a fall sensory bin with dried corn, mini gourds, pinecones and measuring cups.

11 READ

Read a book about fall like "It's Fall!" by Renee Kurilla.

12 TALK

Celebrate Fall! What other words begin with the sound /f/?

13 SING

Play a favorite song and bounce, tap or clap to the rhythm.

14 WRITE

Pick up small items with a clothespin and drop them in a cup.

15 PLAY

Use contact paper taped to a window to create a colorful leaf collage.

16 READ

Read a story that makes you laugh.

17 TALK

Practice breaking words into their smaller parts by speaking in a robot voice. *Hel-lo read-er!*

18 SING

Put different amount of water in a few glasses. Gently tap them to make a song.

19 WRITE

Color and count the numbers 1-10 written in bubble letters.

20 PLAY

Put together a puzzle. Don't have one? Cut up a picture from a magazine and put it back together.

21 READ

Read one of your favorite books and act out something that happens in the story.

22 TALK

Talk about the weather outside. Is it warm or cold?

23 SING

Make up a song while you're riding in the car.

24 WRITE

Tape paper towel tubes to the wall and drop pom poms or cotton balls through them.

25 PLAY

Find items that begin with the same sound on a sound scavenger hunt. *What starts with the sound /b/? Bread, bed and basket!*

26 READ

Read a family recipe to make something you like to eat.

27 TALK

Make faces and talk about feelings. What is your happy face? Sad face? Silly face?

28 SING

Sing "If You're Happy and You Know It!"

29 WRITE

Trace the hand of each person in your family and compare their sizes.

30 PLAY

Use play dough to create your favorite pretend meal.

FIVE BEST PRACTICES TO HELP YOUR CHILD GET READY TO READ:



READ

Reading together helps your child develop a love of reading and become a strong reader.



TALK

Talking with your child helps them learn new words and understand how language works.



SING

Singing helps your child hear the sounds in words and builds their vocabulary.



WRITE

Writing helps your child learn that letters and words represent sounds and have meaning.



PLAY

Active, hands-on play helps your child express themselves and understand their world.

Picture Book BINGO Challenge 2024

Register online at slcl.beanstack.org and complete 3 early literacy activities to be automatically entered into an electronic raffle for this month's featured picture book.

Ages 0-5.

READ

Look at the berries on the endpapers and read their Tlingit and English names.

TALK

The girl and her grandmother spend time picking berries together. Talk about the things you like to do with the special people in your life.

WRITE

Color your fingertips with markers to make berry fingerprints. Add details to your berries with markers or crayons.

PLAY

Pretend to be one of the animals in the illustrations of the story. Can you buzz like a bee or fly like a bird?

READ



"Berry Song" by Michaela Goade.

SING

Sing the berry names in the story to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

TALK

Take a walk through the park and talk about things that come from trees (paper, fruit, seeds).

WRITE

Berries are not just for eating. They are also used to make colorful dyes! Paint a picture with mashed berry or watercolor paint.

PLAY

Try some new-to-you berries. Pick up a variety of berries from the grocery store and set up a taste test with friends or family.

