

February 2016

Reading Activity Calendar: (ages 0-5)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7 Trace your hand and your child's hand. Talk about different sizes, bigger and smaller.</p>	<p>1 Talk about the number 2 today. Point out that your child has two eyes, two ears, two feet, two hands and two knees.</p>	<p>2 Groundhog Day Read <i>Groundhog</i> by Maureen Wright or another book.</p>	<p>3 Try finding your shadows outside today.</p>	<p>4 Talk about the letter C today. Look for objects that begin with C, such as couch, car, cookie, cat.</p>	<p>5 Stack blocks to make a tall tower. Count how many blocks were used before they fall.</p>	<p>6 Take a trip to the library to pick out books to read this month.</p>
<p>14 Valentine's Day Make cookies today. Talk about cutting, cooking and crumbs!</p>	<p>8 Sing <i>Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star</i> today.</p>	<p>9 Take time to cuddle with your child and read for at least 15 minutes today.</p>	<p>10 Make a drum from an empty container. Use it to beat a pattern. Can your child copy the pattern?</p>	<p>11 Have a C snack with your child today. Try carrots, crackers, cream cheese, cauliflower or corn.</p>	<p>12 Help your child cut out paper snowflakes. Display them around the house.</p>	<p>13 Help your child make a card for someone special.</p>
<p>21 Add a few drops of red food coloring to yogurt for an edible painting experience.</p>	<p>15 Presidents Day Read <i>Presidents Day</i> by Anne Rockwell or another book about presidents.</p>	<p>16 Learn about the letter D. Point out things that begin D such as dog, dish, dust, door, dough, and dinosaur.</p>	<p>17 While you read today, talk about how the pictures tell the story.</p>	<p>18 Read <i>How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You</i> by Jane Yolen or another dinosaur favorite.</p>	<p>19 Play with red play dough today. Help your child form letters with the dough.</p>	<p>20 Go for a walk. Point out cars and trucks. Identify the colors of each.</p>
<p>28 Have your child draw a picture and sign the masterpiece. Be sure to put it on display!</p>	<p>22 Go outside to observe the full moon. Read <i>Goodnight Moon</i> by Margaret Wise Brown before bed tonight.</p>	<p>23 Invite some of your child's friends over to play Duck, Duck, Goose.</p>	<p>24 Ask your child to pick a favorite book to read at bedtime.</p>	<p>25 Have a D snack today. Some ideas might be: dill pickles, dates, doughnuts, deviled eggs, dumplings, dips.</p>	<p>26 Tell a Fairy Tale Day Ask your child to tell you about a favorite fairy tale.</p>	<p>27 Sing <i>Hickory, Dickory, Dock</i> with your child today.</p>

March 2016

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 March is the third month. Talk about the number 3 and practice saying the months of the year.	2 Read Across America Day Whip up some green eggs and ham and enjoy a favorite Dr. Seuss book!	3 <i>Sing Three Blind Mice</i> with your child today.	4 Excited to learn about E? Point out things that begin with the letter E like eggs, ears, elbows, envelopes and more!	5 Take a trip to the library to pick out books to read for this month.
6 Read an e-book with your child today. Visit RIF.org/50ebooks to download free books.	7 Help your child draw three triangles. Talk about how many sides a triangle has.	8 Help your child think of words that rhyme with the word pet.	9 Read three books today. One in the morning, one before nap and one before bed.	10 Have an indoor picnic today. Be sure to include some letter E foods like eggs, edamame or enchiladas.	11 It's Ezra Jack Keats birthday today. Read one of his classics like <i>A Snowy Day</i> or <i>Hi, Cat!</i>	12 Go outside and look at clouds. Use cotton balls to make cloud letters as a follow up activity.
13 As you read to your child today, point to each word.	14 Write your child's name in large letters on paper. Let your child use small stickers to "trace" the letters.	15 F is such a fun letter! How many F items can you find with your child today?	16 It's Peter H. Reynolds birthday! Read <i>Josh</i> or <i>The Dot</i> with your child today.	17 Saint Patrick's Day Discover which colors make green today! Have your child mix yellow and blue play dough together.	18 Try a new food that begins with F like figs, feta, French toast or falafel.	19 Talk about feelings with your child. Find pictures of people who are sad, happy, mad, surprised, scared or shy.
20 First Day of Spring! Celebrate this day by going on a nature walk and looking for signs of spring with your child.	21 Plant a flower seed today with your child. Talk about how it will grow.	22 F is for Fish. Read the classic <i>Rainbow Fish</i> by Marcus Pfister or another book about fish.	23 Let your child try a green fruit today. Will it be an apple, grapes, avocado, pear or kiwi?	24 Have your child look in the mirror and make faces for happy, sad, mad, silly, surprised and scared.	25 Let your child pick a favorite book for bedtime reading tonight.	26 <i>Read Butterfly Counting</i> by Jerry Pallota in honor of his birthday today. What cool facts did you learn about butterflies?
27 Go outside and have your child try and name all the sounds around the neighborhood with closed eyes.	28 Look for things that are green today. Point them out to your child.	29 Teach your child to do jumping jacks today and count each one as you go.	30 Make a writing center with pencils, paper and crayons.	31 Turn off the lights and read by a flashlight tonight.		