

Home Literacy Calendar

September 2026

Fun, easy activities to do with your child to help develop their early literacy skills



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Talk Help your child to retell the events of your day.	2 Sing It's Indigenous Literacy Day. The theme is <i>Country Is Our Teacher</i> . Read a book by a First Nations author.	3 Draw Create a paper placemat for each family member. Draw each person's favourite things on it.	4 Play Help your child to arrange their favourite toys in order from shortest to tallest.	5 Read It's Story Saturday. Visit your public library and borrow a favourite book.	6 STEM Father figures come in all shapes and sizes. Check out <i>My Fantastic Dad</i> by Jonathan Bentley.
7 Read High contrast black and white books are great for newborns. Babies develop colour vision in the first few months of life.	8 Talk Read a story about farm animals and make the animal sounds together.	9 Sing Sing <i>Hickory Dickory Dock</i> . Look at a clock and point out the numbers.	10 Draw Use chenille sticks (pipe cleaners) to practice making letter shapes. Then try drawing a few.	11 Play Make a farm sensory box. Hide toy animals in a box of rice and split peas.	12 Read It's Story Saturday. Read an old classic like <i>Goodnight Moon</i> by Margaret Wise Brown and Clement Hurd	13 STEM Which animals are nocturnal? Talk about animals that are most active at night.
14 Read Read a picture book about going on an adventure. Then make up your own adventure.	15 Talk Play a rhyming game. I say sun, you say run. I say mat, you say...?	16 Sing Ahoy there. Sing <i>A Pirate's Life for Me</i> .	17 Draw Shiver me timbers! Draw a pirate ship.	18 Play Pretend to be a ballerina and dance to classical music. Don't forget to point your toes.	19 Read Arrr! It's International Talk Like a Pirate Day. Read a book about pirates.	20 STEM Make a cake. Observe and describe the mixture before and after putting it in the oven.
21 Read Look for books with interesting print. Point out the text as you read.	22 Talk Help your child build their vocabulary by adding descriptive words to your conversations.	23 Sing Do you ride a bike or a trike? Sing <i>I Pedal Round and Round</i> as you ride.	24 Draw Paint with water. Take a paintbrush and a container of water outside and paint on the pavement or bricks.	25 Play Fore! Make golf clubs from rolled-up newspaper and play a round of indoor mini golf.	26 Read Read a book that makes you laugh out loud. Check out <i>Do Not Open This Book</i> by Andy Lee.	27 STEM What types of plants are growing in gardens around you? On your walk, name and describe the plants you see.
28 Read Read an alphabet book. Find the first letter of your child's name.	29 Talk Name the items of clothing as your child gets dressed each day.	30 Sing Make a paper plate shaker and shake along as you sing your favourite songs.				

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