

Home Literacy Calendar October 2026

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 Draw Rip and crumple coloured paper and use the pieces to create a collage picture.	2 Play I spy with my little eye. Can you spot something that is orange?	3 Read Check out Library on our website. It's free with your public library membership.	4 STEM When you go shopping, talk about the things you use to make the task easier.
5 Read Read your favourite book about food or eating.	6 Talk O is for October. Talk about the things in your house start with the letter "O".	7 Sing Sing <i>Zoom, Zoom</i> , Zoom and blast off to the moon!	8 Draw Make art with stickers. Peeling stickers encourages hand-eye coordination and hand strength for writing.	9 Play Make a sensory bin out of dried beans and add toys or blocks for your child to find.	10 Read It's Story Saturday. Find a book with pictures you love and talk about them together.	11 STEM Sing <i>Wind the Bobbin Up</i> . Explain to your child what a bobbin is and what it's used for.
12 Read Before you read a new book together, talk about what's on the cover.	13 Talk How many words can you think of that rhyme with "dip"?	14 Sing Sing <i>A Smooth Road</i> . Face your baby towards you so that you can see how they enjoy the bounces.	15 Draw Threading activities are a fun way to help little hands get ready to write.	16 Play Use your library card to log on to via the Better Beginnings website. Play fun educational games together.	17 Read It's Story Saturday. Read a book about your favourite animal.	18 STEM Make jelly! Describe how the jelly looks and feels before adding water and again when it's set.
19 Read Read a singable book like <i>Old MacDonald Had a Farm</i> by Matt Shanks.	20 Talk Use old socks as simple puppets. Have conversations between the sock creatures.	21 Sing Say the rhyme <i>Five Fat Peas</i> . Have you ever seen a pea pod? Did you make it go pop?	22 Draw Have fun at the park! Climbing and swinging helps develop the upper body and hand strength needed for writing.	23 Play Scarves are fun to play with. Wave them to music or throw them up in the air.	24 Read It's Story Saturday. Find a book about cooking and bake something with your family.	25 STEM Have fun building a structure with blocks and then have fun knocking it down.
26 Read Read a book with some fun facts. We like <i>A is for Australian Animals</i> by Frané Lessac.	27 Talk Visit a bakery or café and talk about what you can see, smell and taste if you are lucky!	28 Sing Sing an animal song! Visit the Better Beginnings YouTube channel and look for our Animals playlist.	29 Draw Play dough is fun to roll and shape and great for getting little hands ready to write.	30 Play Can you hop like a bunny and waddle like a duck.	31 Read It's Story Saturday. Read a touch and feel book.	

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