


May 2016 Early Literacy Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PLAY	2 WRITE	3 SING	4 TALK	5 MATH	6 PLAY	7 READ
Make a maypole & dance around it. (Find streamers of different colors and dance with them.)	Get a blank greeting card. Write a message to someone special and send or deliver it.	Sing "Ring Around the Rosie" and act it out.	Name each color in the rainbow and something that matches it.	Count how many blue cars go by in 5 minutes.	Play "hot or cold." Hide something & when the person is looking tell them whether they are hot or cold.	Read anything by Eric Carle.
8 ART	9 READ	10 WRITE	11 MATH	12 PLAY	13 SCIENCE	14
Color a picture you like off of ianbrett.com .	Read anything by Denise Fleming.	Make a list of five favorite places to read.	Count all the eyes in your house.	Make a sign of spring out of play dough.	Fly a kite / ride a bike / take a hike.	Visit the Library!
15 SING	16 SCIENCE	17 PLAY	18 READ	19 MATH	20 TALK	21 WRITE
Sing your favorite Beatles song.	Mix shaving cream & food coloring and draw in the bathtub.	Play Red Light, Green Light, Yellow Light, Stop.	Read the directions on a food item together and then follow them. E.g. heating a pizza.	How many dishes are in the dishwasher?	Give a tour of where you live.	Practice writing your name and the names of everyone in your family. ☺
22 READ	23 TALK	24 WRITE	25 SING	26 PLAY	27 ART	28
Read a book about planting or seeds.	Talk about something that made you sad and what you did to feel better.	Write down your favorite color word.	Sing "The Hokey Pokey" and act it out.	Have a snow ball fight with paper snowballs.	Paper strip art. Take paper strips and paste them on to cardboard for a 3D effect.	Visit the Library!
29 TALK	30 SING	31 MATH	 <p>This is a project of the Youth Services Section (YSS) of the Wisconsin Library Association</p>			
Talk about today's weather.	Sing a song from Frozen or Despicable Me.	Count to 10 and back again. ☺				
<p>Helping your child get ready to read is easy! Just do one fun activity each day. Ask your children's librarian for more tips and ideas to promote pre-reading skills in your child. This month is brought to you by YSS member <i>Elizabeth Timmins, Library Director & Programmer, Muehl Public Library, Seymour WI.</i></p>						