



April 2022 Indian Lake Library Early Literacy Calendar

Helping your child love words & books is **easy** and **fun**! **Children learn through PLAY!**

TALK ♦ **SING** ♦ **READ** ♦ **WRITE** ♦ **PLAY**

For more great tips & ideas, visit us at the Library or at www.indianlake.sals.edu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CONTACT US: (518)648-5444 Ind-director@sals.edu PO Box 778 113 Pelon Road	LIBRARY HOURS MON. & WED. 12 – 6 TUE. & THU 10 – 4 FRI. 10 – 6 SAT. 10 – 1		Super Fun Story Time FRIDAYS 11 AM FRIDAYS 4 PM SATURDAYS 11 AM		PLAY 1 It's April Fool's Day! Tell each other a joke, or play a fun prank.	TALK 2 Discuss what you and your child would grow in a garden.
SING 3 Sing "I Plant a Seed" together. Do the hand motions, can you make them bigger?	WRITE 4 Draw a picture of a bunny, talk about what bunnies like to eat?	READ 5 Visit the library and borrow some books about gardening.	TALK 6 Talk about the things you and your child would like to do today, make a list!	PLAY 7 Help your child find and count all the blue items in their bedroom or your kitchen.	SING 8 Sing "Here is a Bunny" and practice the hand motions.	READ 9 It's poetry month, visit the library for some great books!
TALK 10 What is the weather like outside today, how should you dress for it?	READ 11 "The Easter Egg Farm" by Mary Jane Auch. Draw an egg shape, decorate it!	WRITE 12 Make a dot to dot of your child's name, have them trace it.	TALK 13 Ask your child to tell you their favorite things about spring.	PLAY 14 Color some eggs today!	READ 15 Read a Caldecott Medal book about an animal.	PLAY 16 Bunny Tag! Hop on all fours like a rabbit, use a hula hoop as a bunny hole, try to catch each other.
SING 17 Sing "You are My Sunshine" with your child. Create a clapping rhythm.	READ 18 Download the Caldecott Club booklist and read another title from it.	TALK 19 Tell your child a story about when you were their age.	PLAY 20 Plant some seeds, in the garden or in a pot.	WRITE 21 Fill a tray with sand or salt, let your child draw whatever they like in it.	Talk 22 It's Earth Day! Take a walk and talk about the sounds that you hear.	SING 23 Sing "See the Bunnies Sleeping" with your child and hop, hop, hop!
READ 24 "North Country Spring" by Reeve Lindbergh, what signs have you seen?	TALK 25 What is your child's favorite meal, have them tell you and make it together.	PLAY 26 Try some yoga, can you twist your body? Stand on one leg and be a tree?	SING 27 Sing "Digging, digging" with your child, make the motions, how deep can you dig?	WRITE 28 Have your child draw a picture for a special friend and mail it to them.	Play 29 It's International Dance Day! Get your child dressed up and dance!	READ 30 Make a blanket fort and read some books inside it.

Songs to sing with your kids! Enjoy!!

Here is a Bunny

Here is a bunny (hold up 2 fingers like a peace sign)

And here is his hole in the ground (make a circle with other hand)

When a noise he hears, he pricks up his ears (stretch bunny ears on hand)

And jumps in his hole in the ground (put bunny hand through circle hand)

I Plant a Seed (sung to: I'm a Little Teapot)

I plant a little seed in the cold, cold ground, (pretend to plant seed in cupped hand)

Out comes the yellow sun, big and round. (spread arms over head to represent sun)

Down come the raindrops soft and slow, (make raindrops with fingers)

Up comes the flower grow, grow, grow! (place palms together with fingers pointed upwards, push hands up and spread fingers wide)

See the Bunnies sleeping – action song!

See the bunnies sleeping, (sleeping bunnies)

Till it's nearly noon,

Shall we wake them with a merry tune?

They're so still, are they ill?

WAKE UP LITTLE BUNNIES (bunnies are awake)

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop,

Hop, hop, hop,

Hop, hop, hop,

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop,

Hop, hop, hop!

***For more info on Caldecott Club: <https://indianlake.sals.edu/the-caldecott-medal-club/>

Digging, Digging With My Spade

Digging, digging with my spade, (pretend to dig)

See the great big hole I've made.

I can build a castle high, (hold hands up to indicate a tall castle)

Right up to the bright blue sky. (point to the sky)

You Are My Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine,

You make me happy when skies are gray,

You'll never know, Dear, how much I love you,

Please don't take my sunshine away.

Color/Trace:

