

March 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
		TALK 1 Plan a trip to the grocery store with your child. Discuss a list of things to buy.	WRITE 2 Finger trace the ABC's with your child in something tactile: sand, snow, or flour	READ 3 Join the Library's Caldecott Club and begin by reading a book from the list.	PLAY 4 Take turns making hand shadow puppets using a flashlight. Act a story	TALK 5 Discuss how to cook a favorite meal or recipe with your child then cook it.
SING 6 Sing "We Stretch Up High Like This" together. Do the simple stretches with each verse.	WRITE 7 Ask your child to draw your family. Try to identify the letters that begin each person's name.	READ 8 It's International Women's Day! Read a story about a famous woman from history.	TALK 9 Help your child find items that start with the first letter of their first name in your home. How many?	PLAY 10 Help your child find and count all the GREEN items in their bedroom or your kitchen.	SING 11 Sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes" together. Try doing all the movements too.	READ 12 Borrow one of the Library's "I Spy" books and take turns finding items.
TALK 13 Talk about what your favorite holidays are and the reasons you enjoy.	READ 14 Borrow and read a book about holidays around the world with your child.	WRITE 15 Write your child's name. Have them finger trace it using finger paint or finger dipped in water.	TALK 16 Ask your child to describe a favorite character from a much-loved movie or tv show.	PLAY 17 Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by listening to Irish music with your child.	READ 18 Read a Caldecott Medal book and discuss how the pictures help tell the story.	PLAY 19 Listen for bird calls outside. Ask your child to create their own bird call.
SING 20 Sing "Mary Had a Little Lamb" with your child. Create a clapping rhythm.	READ 21 Download the Caldecott Club booklist and read another title from it.	TALK 22 <i>Happy Spring!!</i> How many words can you rhyme with 'SPRING'?	PLAY 23 Make some simple sock puppets with your child and have a talk using them to talk about your day today.	WRITE 24 Create scribble art drawings with your child today and display on the frig.	PLAY 25 Play a game of hide-and-seek with your child. Involve a favorite toy too.	SING 26 Sing "BINGO" with your child today. Be sure to do the claps!
READ 27 Read a book about Colors in anticipation of National Crayon Day on 3/31/22.	TALK 28 Discuss the best part of today for each member of your family.	PLAY 29 Put on some music and play "freeze dance" with your child.	SING 30 Sing "You Are My Sunshine" with your child and try to include your whole family.	WRITE 31 It's National Crayon Day! Have your child write the ABC's and their name in their favorite colors.	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

Songs to sing with your kids! Enjoy!!

We Stretch Up High Like This *

[Sung to the tune of Farmer in the Dell]

We stretch up high like this, we stretch up high like this,
we stretch up high to touch the sky, we stretch up high like this.

(Stretch up with your arms while you sing)

[Continue with the following verses and movements:]

We hang down low and tickle our toes... *(bend and grab toes)*

Bend side to side to move and glide...*(hands on hip, lean to side)*

We twist and we turn, we listen and learn...*(hands on hips, twist)*

**From Stories, Songs, and Stretches by Katie Scherrer*

Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes

(Tap each body part as you sing)

Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes,

Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes,

Eyes, and ears, and mouth, and nose.

Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.

Mary Had A Little Lamb

(See if you and your child can create a rhythm as you sing with different combinations of hand claps and knee slaps)

Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb.

Mary had a little lamb whose fleece was white as snow.

Everywhere that Mary went, Mary went, Mary went,

The lamb was sure to go.

He followed her to school one day, school one day, school one day,

Which was against the rules.

That made the children laugh & sing, laugh & sing, laugh & sing,

To have that lamb at school.

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

Bingo

There was a farmer, had a dog, and Bingo was his name-oh.

B-I-N-G-O, b-i-n-g-o, b-i-n-g-o, and Bingo was his name-oh!

There was a farmer, had a dog, and Bingo was his name-oh!

(Clap)-I-N-G-O, (clap)-i-n-g-o, (clap)-i-n-g-o, & Bingo was his name-oh!

There was a farmer, had a dog, and Bingo was his name-oh.

(Clap clap)-N-G-O, (clap clap)-n-g-o, (clap clap)-n-g-o, and Bingo was his name-oh!

There was a farmer, had a dog, and Bingo was his name-oh.

(Clap clap clap)-G-O, (clap clap clap)-g-o, (clap clap clap)-g-o, and

Bingo was his name-oh!

There was a farmer, had a dog, and Bingo was his name-oh.

(Clap clap clap clap)-O, (Clap clap clap clap)-O, (Clap clap clap clap)-O

and Bingo was his name-oh!

(Last verse is 5 claps), and Bingo was his name-oh!

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 and point smallest to biggest:

