

May 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
PLAY 1	TALK 2	SING 3	WRITE 4	READ 5	PLAY 6	TALK 7
Encourage your child to invite a friend over to play.	Discuss how to cook a favorite meal or recipe with your child then cook it.	Take turns humming known tunes and guessing the name of the songs.	Help your child make a card for someone special for Mother's Day.	Borrow a book about moms or female caregivers and read it with your child.	Bring your child to Super Fun Story Time at the Library at 11 am or 4 pm.	Talk about what your favorite summer vegetables and why they taste so good.
SING 8	WRITE 9	READ 10	TALK 11	PLAY 12	SING 13	READ 14
Sing " You Are My Sunshine " together. Try making up simple gestures to go with the words.	Draw some flowers with your child and help your child write the letters of the flowers' names.	Borrow a book about gardening. Discuss how seeds turn into flowers and vegetables.	How many words can you and your child rhyme with "corn", "squash" and "bean"?	Plant some seeds for a favorite flower or vegetable your child wants to grow this summer.	Sing " Do You Know the Parts of Plants " Find pictures of plant parts to point to while singing about each part.	Borrow a Caldecott book and download the list if you haven't already joined the Caldecott Club! ***
TALK 15	READ 16	WRITE 17	PLAY 18	TALK 19	READ 20	PLAY 21
Take a walk together and talk about the sounds you hear in nature from animals and weather.	Find a recipe with a favorite vegetable. Read with your child and cook it together.	Write the name 3 vegetables. Have your child practice tracing letters while naming them and their sounds.	It's Community Pride Day! Visit the Library and help with the library garden clean up!	It's Older Americans Month. Ask your child for a story about a favorite time spent with a grandparent.	Borrow and read some books about living and working on a farm.	Bring your child to Super Fun Story Time at the Library at 11 am.
READ 22	SING 23	TALK 24	PLAY 25	WRITE 26	PLAY 27	SING 28
It's International "Being You Day" Let your child pick a story with a character s/he feels is most like her/him.	Listen to classical music together and discuss how each song makes your child feel. Hum or sing along.	Pretend your pet or a favorite animal can speak. Have your child translate what they say.	Count how many tablespoons are in a cup of water and give water to some thirsty plants.	It's Bike Month. Ask your child to draw an imaginary bicycle that can fly.	Ask your child to tell a story by acting it out without using any words out loud.	Sing " I'm a Little Seedling " with your child today. Be sure to do the motions!
READ 29	TALK 30	PLAY 31	 New! Ages Birth through 1 st grade (All are welcomed)	Super Fun Story Time FRIDAYS 11 AM FRIDAYS 4 PM SATURDAYS 11 AM	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
Switch places at bedtime and have your child read to you while you pretend to fall asleep.	Practice short tongue twisters with your child that also rhyme. Try making up a few too.	It's International Drum month. Make and play a drum set from pots and other household objects.				

Songs to sing with your kids! Enjoy!!

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.

Do You Know the Parts of Plants?

[Sung to the tune of Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes]

Do you know the parts of plants, parts of plants?
Do you know the parts of plants, parts of plants?
All kinds of plants that grow and grow.
Do you know the parts of plants, parts of plants?

The roots hold the plant in place, plant in place.
The roots hold the plant in place, plant in place.
The roots store food and water too.
The roots hold the plant in place, plant in place.

The stem moves water up the plant, up the plant.
The stem moves water up the plant, up the plant.
The stem brings water to the leaves.
The stem moves water up the plant, up the plant.

The leaves soak up the sun, soak up the sun.
The leaves soak up the sun, soak up the sun.
The sun helps the plant to grow and grow and grow.
The leaves soak up the sun, soak up the sun.

The flower grows into a fruit, into a fruit.
The flower grows into a fruit, into a fruit.
Inside the fruit are little, tiny seeds.
The flower grows into a fruit, into a fruit.

I'm a Little Seedling

[Sung to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot]

I'm a little seedling *[show "small" with your finger and thumb]*
I love the sun *[look up and spread your arms to the sky]*
Give me some water and let's have some fun *[pretend to use a watering can]*
Put me in the soil *[squat down and pretend to dig a small hole and plant a seed]*
At the start of the Spring *[point to your pretend wristwatch]*
When I grow up *[rise up from squatting position]*
We can all sing! *[open arms wide]*

Color and use for song about plant parts

