



# June Early Literacy Calendar

TALK!	SING!	READ!	WRITE!	PLAY!
Attend a baseball game and <b>talk</b> to your child about how the game is played.	<b>Sing</b> the “Itsy Bitsy Spider” and add finger motions.	Snuggle up together and <b>re-read</b> a favorite book. Doing so will encourage their love of reading.	Put whipped cream on a colored plate and let your children draw or <b>write</b> letters with their fingers.	Visit the Imagination Station and <b>play</b> on the tire swing.
Walk through a Farmer’s Market and <b>talk</b> about the different kinds of fruits and vegetables.	<b>Sing</b> your child’s favorite nursery rhyme fast and then slow.	Go to the BDL and sign up for the <b>Summer Reading Program!</b>	Make a Father’s Day card for someone special. <b>Write</b> the name of the “special” person on the envelope.	Make a fort with pillows, chairs and blankets. Pretend and <b>play</b> you are defending a castle.
Visit the Mill Pond and <b>talk</b> about the different kinds of ducks.	Make up a song for brushing teeth and <b>sing</b> it nightly while your child brushes.	Ask your child to <b>read</b> you a book, making up their own story inspired by the pictures.	<b>Create</b> a menu and ask your child to draw what food he/she would like to eat for dinner.	<b>Play</b> animal charades. Take turns pretending to be an animal and guessing.
At bedtime, <b>talk</b> to your child about what they enjoyed most about the day.	<b>Sing</b> the ABC’s and have your child jump when you sing a letter in their name.	<b>Read</b> a non-fiction book about the Summer Solstice.	Put some paint in a Ziploc bag and use your finger to <b>write</b> letters and shapes.	Set up a tent in the backyard and pretend <b>play</b> that you are camping in the woods.
Fold socks with your child and <b>talk</b> about the different colors as you match them.	Attend a Summer Program at the library. <b>Sing</b> the songs on your way home.	 Brighton District Library	<b>Color</b> a picture for your favorite librarian and bring it to the library.	<b>Play</b> outside in the sprinkler or wading pool.



## **Early Literacy Begins with You**

**Help your child get ready to read with simple activities every day.**

### **Talking:**

**Whether you are taking a walk, driving around, or in your home, talking about and making the sounds of different things is a great way to help children listen to and identify sounds. This is the same type of skill they will later need for sounding out words when they read.**

### **Singing:**

**Songs are a wonderful way to learn about language. Singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words. This helps when children begin to read printed language.**

### **Reading:**

**Factual books offer many opportunities to add to children's knowledge. Sharing factual books not only helps children learn about the world around them, but also will help them later understand what they read.**

### **Writing:**

**Drawing and writing with your children are great ways to help them make the connection between what we write and what we say.**

### **Playing:**

**As you play with balls, blocks and other toys with your children, compare the different sizes and shapes. This will support their ability to differentiate letters when they learn to read.**