

# May Early Literacy Calendar



<p><b>TALK!</b></p>	<p><b>SING!</b></p>	<p><b>READ!</b></p>	<p><b>WRITE!</b></p>	<p><b>PLAY!</b></p>
<p><b>Talk</b> with your child about the changing weather. This will help them develop new vocabulary.</p>	<p>Check out the CD, "Sunny Day" by Elizabeth Mitchell. <b>Sing</b> along with the songs in the car</p>	<p>Before bed each night, <b>read</b> a book with your child. Let your child pick out the book.</p>	<p>Put sugar on a cookie sheet so children can draw or <b>write</b> letters with their fingers.</p>	<p><b>Play</b> in the bathtub with foam letters. Letter knowledge is a skill that will help your child get ready to read.</p>
<p>Walk through a garden store and <b>talk</b> about the different kinds of flowers.</p>	<p><b>Sing</b> "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" as you look at the night sky.</p>	<p>Visit the library and check out an <b>Early Literacy Kit</b>. Read the book and complete the activities.</p>	<p>Help your child make a Mother's Day card and have him <b>write</b> his name the best he can.</p>	<p>Visit the library and <b>play</b> with a new literacy kit.</p>
<p>Visit the farm at Kensington MetroPark and <b>talk</b> about the new babies.</p>	<p>Make up a bedtime rhyme and <b>sing</b> it to your child each night.</p>	<p><b>Read</b> the book, <u>Little Quack</u> by Lauren Thompson.</p>	<p><b>Create</b> a family album with pictures and names. Have your child personalize each page.</p>	<p><b>Play</b> in the sand with pails, shovels, sifters and other toys.</p>
<p>Let your child pick out something to wear; <b>talk</b> about the colors of the clothing.</p>	<p>Turn on the radio and dance and <b>sing</b> with your child to your favorite tune.</p>	<p>Ask your child to <b>read</b> the pictures of a wordless picture book and tell a story.</p>	<p>Go outside and <b>write</b> on the sidewalk with chalk.</p>	<p><b>Play</b> "I Spy" with familiar objects in the room. Take turns guessing.</p>
<p>Keep a calendar in your child's room, and <b>talk</b> about the month, day and date daily.</p>	<p><b>Sing</b> "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" as you child is taking a bath.</p>	 <p>Brighton District Library</p>	<p>Use an Etch-a-Sketch or clipboard with a crayon to practice <b>writing</b> letters and shapes.</p>	<p><b>Play</b> "Tag", "Hide and Seek" and "Hopscotch" outside.</p>



## **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.**