

Early literacy begins with you and your child. Help your child get ready to read by doing simple activities every day.

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Gather leaves that have fallen and make a picture with them.	2 Sing "All the Leaves are Falling Down." <i>(lyrics on back)</i>	3 Rake a pile of leaves and jump into it!
4 Have fun with playdough - poke it with your fingers, pull it apart and roll it with your hands.	5 Pick up a handful of leaves. Count how many you grabbed.	6 Sing "The Leaves on the Trees." <i>(lyrics on back)</i>	7 Use pipe cleaners to make letters or numbers.	8 Read a book to your child under a table!	9 Write your child's first name on a paper and have them write over it (or around it).	10 Make faces in the mirror with your child. Talk about what you see!
11 Visit a pumpkin patch or look at a picture of one. Talk about the pumpkins and their different sizes and shapes.	12 Sing the song "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." <i>(lyrics on back)</i>	13 Have your child "read" or tell their favorite book or story to you.	14 Tape a large piece of paper to the table and let your child color with 2-3 crayons or markers.	15 Sing the alphabet song as quietly as you can!	16 Glue shapes on a real pumpkin or a paper one to make a funny face.	17 Sing "The Eensy Weensy Spider." <i>(lyrics on back)</i>
18 Sing a favorite song in a silly voice!	19 Read a book, then read it again!	20 Go on a walk and talk about the colors of leaves you see.	21 Talk about the day's events before going to bed.	22 Make dot-to-dot outlines of letters and have your child trace them.	23 Build with blocks. Can you make a tall tower?	24 While driving around, point out and read signs.
25 Play some music and dance!	26 Talk about the weather today. Is it sunny? Cloudy? Stormy?	27 Pretend to be different animals. Moo, baa and neigh!	28 Eating food from a package? Read the label to your child.	29 Put sand in the bottom of a tray or pan. Draw shapes or letters with fingers. Shake container to erase!	30 Visit the Library to get the November activity calendar or visit our website farmlib.org/for-kids	31 Read a Halloween book.

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These are five of the best practices to prepare children to read. Have fun with your child!

Songs, Rhymes & Fun Activities

Children learn best by doing. Have fun together!

The Eensy Weensy Spider

The eensy weensy spider went up the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Out came the sun and dried all the rain.
Then the eensy weensy spider went up the spout again.

The Leaves on the Trees

Tune: "The Wheels on the Bus"

The leaves on the trees are yellow and brown,
Yellow and brown, yellow and brown.
The leaves on the trees are yellow and brown,
All around the town.
The leaves on the trees are falling down,
Falling down, falling down.
The leaves from the trees are falling down,
All around the town.
The leaves from the trees make a crunching sound,
Crunching sound, crunching sound.
The leaves from the trees make a crunching sound
All around the town.
The children in the town jump up and down,
Up and down, up and down.
The children in the town jump up and down
On the leaves on the ground!

All the Leaves Are Falling Down

Tune: "London Bridge is Falling Down"

All the leaves are falling down, falling down,
falling down (Imitate leaves falling down)
All the leaves are falling down, it is Autumn!

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Row, row, row, your boat, gently down the stream,
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream.



Use pipe cleaners to make letters or numbers.



Have fun with playdough - poke it, pull it and roll it.



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Your Library has many resources to help you talk, sing, read, write and play with your child. Visit us soon!

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