

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

# August 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



					1 Read to your child every day. Make this a special time to cuddle close!	2 Start a journal! Make or purchase a journal with blank pages. Have your child write or draw whatever he/she wants. Date each page.	3 Make cloud dough outside and have fun! (recipe on back)
4 Roll out playdough and use a toothpick or chopstick to write letters.	5 Use measuring spoons and cups to play in water.	6 Have fun singing "Pat-a-Cake," changing the letter and the name. (lyrics on back)	7 Check out a cookbook from the Library or look online and pick a new easy recipe to make together!	8 Draw shapes with a pencil, pen, crayon and marker. Talk about how they look different.	9 Put beans or rice inside a small container and tape it shut. Shake your new shaker to the beat of a favorite song!	10 Talk about the signs you see as you are driving around.	
11 Go to a park and talk about locations such as up, down, around, under, over, in, out, etc.	12 Read a book and talk about who authors are and what they do.	13 Draw a tree. What color will you make the leaves?	14 During bath time, name parts of the body - waist, wrist, ankle, heel, etc.	15 Read a book about dinosaurs together.	16 Pretend to be a dinosaur and stomp around the room!	17 Make up a song about things you did today!	
18 Wherever you are, look around and talk about all the colors you see.	19 Help your child write a note to a family member or friend.	20 Have a pajama day! Wear your PJs and read in bed or on the couch today.	21 Sing the ABC song. Now, try singing it backwards!	22 Go outside and look for your shadow. Can you make your shadow dance?	23 Sing "Five Little Speckled Frogs." (lyrics on back)	24 Let your child play with sponges in the bath or pool. Squeezing helps develop fine motor hand muscles.	
25 Take books and a blanket outside for a reading picnic!	26 Crab walk across the living room or yard!	27 Go on a listening walk. What sounds do you hear?	28 Use a paper lunch bag to make a puppet and then tell a story with it.	29 Build with blocks. Make a tower and count the blocks.	30 Sing "The Muffin Man" song. Replace "muffin man" with your child's name and "Drury Lane" with your street name! (lyrics on back)	31 Visit the Library to get the September activity calendar or visit our website at farmlib.org/for-kids	

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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!

## Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five little speckled frogs (hold 5 fingers [frogs] on top of your other arm [log])  
Sat on a speckled log  
Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!  
One jumped into the pool (jump a finger off the log into the pool.)  
Where it was nice and cool  
Now there are four green speckled frogs. Glub! Glub! (hold up four fingers)

Four little speckled frogs  
Sat on a speckled log  
Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!  
One jumped into the pool  
Where it was nice and cool  
Now there are three green speckled frogs. Glub! Glub! (hold up three fingers)

Continue with three and two frogs and then...

One little speckled frog  
Sat on a speckled log  
Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!  
It jumped into the pool  
Where it was nice and cool  
Now there are no more speckled frogs. Glub! Glub!

Roll out playdough and use a toothpick or chopstick to write letters.

Crab walk across the living room or yard!

## Pat-a-Cake

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake baker's man  
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.  
Prick it and pat it and mark it with a "b"  
And put it in the oven for Billy and me.

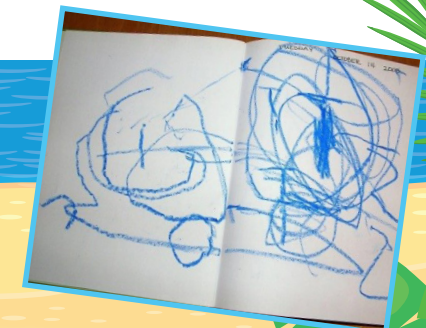
Make it with chocolate, make it with cream  
Make it the prettiest you've ever seen.  
Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake baker's man  
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake baker's man  
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.  
Mix it and stir it and bake it just right  
Good from the first 'til the very last bite.

Write his name with lots of care  
And make pretty flowers here and there.  
Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake baker's man  
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.  
Prick it and pat it and mark it with a "b"  
And put it in the oven for Billy and me!



**Cloud Dough Recipe:**  
Add 1 cup of baby oil to 8 cups of flour. Stir well. Have fun!



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## Muffin Man

Oh, do you know the muffin man,  
The muffin man, the muffin man,  
Oh, do you know the muffin man,  
That lives on Drury Lane?

Oh, yes, I know the muffin man,  
The muffin man, the muffin man,  
Oh, yes, I know the muffin man,  
That lives on Drury Lane.



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

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