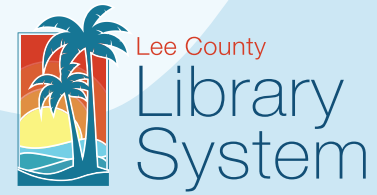


# APRIL 2025

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1 WRITING</b> Write letters in the steam that forms on windows or try it in a sandbox, or using the dirt in your garden.	<b>2 PLAYING</b> Play a questioning game. Ask your child where are your toes, where is your nose, etc.	<b>3 TALKING</b> Say silly rhymes to make your child laugh. 	<b>4 SINGING</b> Sing a song in a high voice; sing it in a low voice. Sing it slow; sing it fast.	<b>5 COUNTING</b> Find two items that are similar but different sizes. Talk about big and little.
<b>6 READING</b> Check out the library's digital picture books about spring holidays, available through Overdrive.	<b>7 WRITING</b> Write letters in shaving cream in the bathtub or shower.	<b>8 PLAYING</b> Have an inside picnic with a teddy bear and other toys. 	<b>9 TALKING</b> Say a favorite rhyme, leave off the last word, and have your child finish the sentence.	<b>10 SINGING</b> Has it been raining a lot? Sing, "Rain, Rain, Go Away." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i>	<b>11 COUNTING</b> Cut a piece of toast in half. "Now we have two pieces the same size."	<b>12 READING</b> Teach letter sounds by playing "I Spy." <i>I spy with my little eye something that begins with B. Yes, a banana!</i>
<b>13 WRITING</b> Cut a letter of the alphabet out of cardboard and place it under a piece of paper. Have your child color over the letter and watch the letter beneath appear.	<b>14 PLAYING</b> Play the letter day game. Find things all day that start with the first letter of your child's first name.	<b>15 TALKING</b> Use new describing words today. Say "enormous" instead of "big." "Wonderful" instead of "great."	<b>16 SINGING</b> Sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" during bath time. 	<b>17 COUNTING</b> Count to 5 as you spin in a circle five times. Count 5 hops. Count 5 small steps and 5 big steps.	<b>18 READING</b> Get caught reading a book. Show your child reading is important to you too.	<b>19 WRITING</b> Make a dot painting with cotton swabs to help develop fine motor skills.
<b>20 PLAYING</b> Pretend to talk on the phone while holding a block to your ear. 	<b>21 TALKING</b> Enjoy storytime online, available through the Lee County Library System's YouTube channel.	<b>22 SINGING</b> Make music with everyday items like pots, pans, and spoons.	<b>23 COUNTING</b> Count the pages in your child's favorite board book.	<b>24 READING</b> Check out Hoopla's digital picture books about spring available through our online library.	<b>25 WRITING</b> Keep paper and writing materials where your child will have easy access to them.	<b>26 PLAYING</b> Make a tent with sheets and furniture. Pretend you are camping. What do you hear? What do you see?
<b>27 TALKING</b> Say a favorite rhyme but leave off the last word. Have your child finish the sentence.	<b>28 SINGING</b> Sing "I Hear Thunder." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i>	<b>29 COUNTING</b> Sort blocks by color. Count how many there are of each color. 	<b>30 READING</b> Find and share a story through TumbleBooks. Available through the online library.			

## Talking is one of the best ways for children to learn new words.

Speak to your child often during the day and try to use many different words to express your ideas. Children love to imitate, and they will try to imitate your speech. Chances to chat include while you are getting dressed in the morning, eating breakfast, taking a walk outdoors, playing together, doing chores, taking a bath, going to bed, and while saying goodnight. Ask lots of open ended questions, those that require more than a yes or no answer.



### RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY

Rain, Rain,  
Go away;  
Come again,  
Another day;  
Little (child's name) wants to play

### I HEAR THUNDER

Sing to the tune "Frère Jacques"

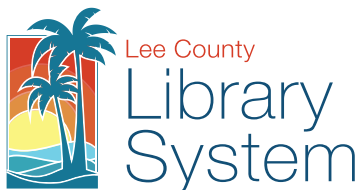
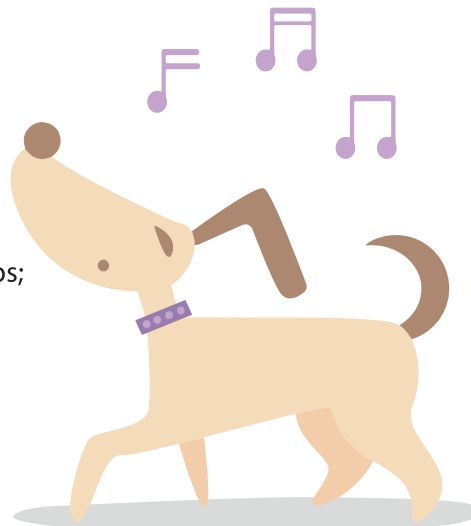
I hear thunder, I hear thunder.  
(Pound hands gently on floor or lap)

Listen, don't you? Listen, don't you?  
(Cup hand to ear)

Pitter, patter raindrops; pitter, patter raindrops;  
(Wiggle fingers in falling motion in front of face)

I'm wet through,  
(Shake body)

So are you!  
(Tickle your child)



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# Books to Read this Month

The following titles and more are available through the Lee County Library System. Place a hold online and find additional ebook selections through Hoopla and Overdrive at [www.leelibrary.net](http://www.leelibrary.net)

## For Readers Birth to Pre-K

### ¡Lluvia!/ Rain!

by Linda Ashman

### Smile, Pout Pout Fish

by Deborah Diesen

### Spring is Here

by Will Hillenbrand

### Spring

by Julie Murray



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