

August 2023 Early Learning Calendar

Encourage a love of learning in your child by doing one fun activity each day. Visit griver.org or your local library for more ideas, books and programs to do with your child.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		 <p>Color a picture and count the number of crayons you use.</p>	 <p>Can you name something that makes you feel "relaxed"?</p>	 <p>Sit inside a large box and pretend you are rowing a boat.</p>	 <p>Play some music and dance outside.</p>	 <p>Read a book to mark the end of the library summer reading program</p>	
	 <p>Explore a peach with all of your senses: see, smell, hear, touch, taste.</p>	 <p>How long does it take to brush your teeth? Ask a grown-up to time you!</p>	 <p>Go outside and move like a snake.</p>	 <p>Read a Seymour Simon non-fiction book for kids: on anything from dinosaurs to dolphins!</p>	 <p>How many words can you name that rhyme with "bug"?</p>	 <p>Visit your library today. Check out a book about bugs.</p>	 <p>Have a rainbow picnic by choosing foods of different colors.</p>
	 <p>Use your small finger muscles as you scribble with crayons on a paper bag.</p>	 <p>Look for bugs outside. How many different ones can you find?</p>	 <p>Read to your stuffed animals in a small swimming pool – wet or dry!</p>	 <p>Tell a friend which season you like best: winter, spring, summer or fall. Why?</p>	 <p>Pretend you are a horse. How would you move? How would you sound?</p>	 <p>Count the number of soap bubbles you can blow in one minute.</p>	 <p>Fill two small containers with rice, beans, sand, etc. Shake them and compare the sounds.</p>
	 <p>Have a TV turn-off day. Spend time outside as much as you can!</p>	 <p>Find and count five purple things around your house.</p>	 <p>Play color match: look at a color you are wearing and find other objects that match.</p>	 <p>Make a splash outside: at a splash pad, a pool or with a simple hose.</p>	 <p>What is your favorite way to keep cool in the summer?</p>	 <p>Read <i>Olivia</i> or another book by Ian Falconer in honor of the author's birthday.</p>	 <p>Visit your library today.</p>
	 <p>Find two different flowers outside and smell them. Which one do you like better?</p>	 <p>Tell a friend: what is your favorite meal for dinner?</p>	 <p>Read <i>A Good Place</i> by Lucy Cousins to learn about where bugs live.</p>	 <p>Make a simple stick puppet with a craft stick and a photo.</p>	 <p>It's Eat Outside Day! Count the number of plates and cups you need for your family.</p>	<p>Every Child Ready to Read® is a project of the Association for Library Service to Children and the Public Library Association, divisions of the American Library Association.</p> 	

August Booklist:

 <p>OLIVIA by Ian Falconer</p>	 <p>GRANDMA'S TIPI A Present-Day Lakota Story by S. D. Nelson</p>
 <p>A Good Place by Lucy Cousins</p>	 <p>A Way With Wild Things by Larissa Theule</p>
 <p>TWO DOGS by Ian Falconer</p>	 <p>Bugs! by John Hutton (board book)</p>
 <p>THE MONSTER MAC AND CHEESE PARTY by Todd Parr</p>	 <p>All Kids Are Good Kids by Judy Carey Nevin (board book)</p>

August Songs/Rhymes:

Baby Bumblebee

(updated version)

Move your index finger around like a bee buzzing!

I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee,

Won't my papa be so proud of me?

I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee,

Buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz!

I love my little baby bumblebee,

Won't my mama be so proud of me?

I love my little baby bumblebee,

Buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz!



**Find the classic version on these recordings:*

Four Baby Bumblebees - (Music CD Children Fou)

101 Favorite Sing-a-Long Songs for Kids - (Music CD Children One)

Bumblebee, Bumblebee

Pretend your finger is the bee landing on your body.

Bumblebee, bumblebee, landing on my toes.

Bumblebee, bumblebee, now you're on my nose.

Bumblebee, bumblebee, on my elbow.

Bumblebee, oh bumblebee, see how fast you go!

Bumblebee, bumblebee, now you're on my head.

Bumblebee, oh bumblebee, please go to bed!

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