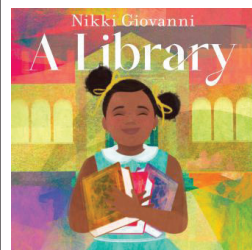


May 2023 Early Learning Calendar

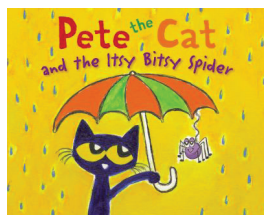
Encourage a love of learning in your child by doing one fun activity each day. Visit griver.org or your local library for more ideas, books and programs to do with your child.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Read ¹  On Mother Goose Day, read a rhyme from the book, <u>Mother Goose Goes to India</u> by Kabir Sehgal.	Explore ²  Look at a map to see where you live.	Play ³  Play "The Quiet Game" with a friend. Who can stay quiet longest?	Talk ⁴  Talk with a friend or sibling about your favorite vegetable to grow in a garden.	Move ⁵  Go outside to practice your skipping skills.	Count ⁶  Arrange the shoes in your house from smallest to biggest.
Play ⁷  Pretend to be a bird that flies near your home.	Read ⁸  Celebrate Children's Book Week by reading, <u>Give This Book Away!</u> by Darren Farrell.	Talk ⁹  Can you name five words that rhyme with "May"?	Count ¹⁰  It's Clean Up Your Room Day! Count objects as you put them away.	Play ¹¹  Pretend you are a duck. How would you sound? How would you move?	Count ¹²  Can you find five orange things in or around your house?	 Visit your library today. Check out a book about birds.
Talk ¹⁴  Tell your mom or grandmother three things you like about them.	Read ¹⁵  Read <u>If You Plant a Seed</u> or <u>Baby Bear</u> by Kadir Nelson to celebrate his birthday.	Move ¹⁶  Sing and do the actions for the song, "The Itsy Bitsy Spider."	Count ¹⁷  Take a walk outside and count the birds you see.	Move ¹⁸  Practice walking like your favorite animal.	Explore ¹⁹  It's Pizza Party Day! Help a grown-up make pizza and talk about how it melts.	Read ²⁰  Read a book about birds, such as <u>Time to Fly</u> by George Ella Lyon.
Explore ²¹  Go outside and listen for bird calls. Can you describe the differences?	Count ²²  Find and count three triangle shapes in your house.	Move ²³  Move your body in a way that makes you happy!	Talk ²⁴  Name words that begin with the /b/ sound.	Play ²⁵  Pretend you are a teacher. What supplies would you need?	 Visit your library today.	Talk ²⁷  Name two ways you and a friend are the same, and two ways you are different.
Play ²⁸  Play soccer or kickball with family, friends and neighbors.	Read ²⁹  Find a favorite book and sing the words instead of saying them.	Explore ³⁰  What happens when you blow through a straw in your soapy bathwater?	Count ³¹  On National Smile Day, count the number of people you smile at today.	 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.		

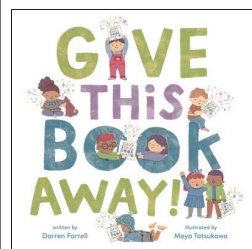
May Booklist:



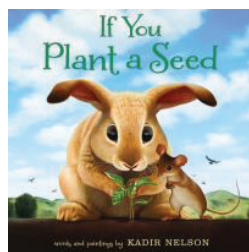
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by Nikki Giovanni



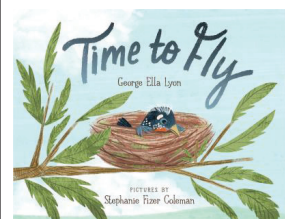
Pete the Cat and the Itsy Bitsy Spider
by James Dean



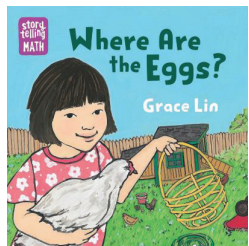
Give This Book Away!
by Darren Farrell



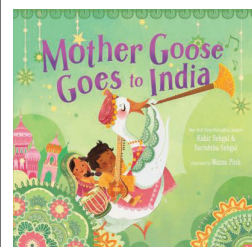
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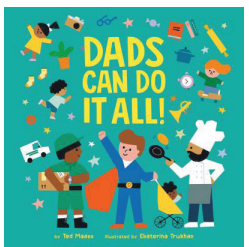
Time to Fly
by George Ella Lyon



Where are the Eggs?
by Grace Lin
(board book)



Mother Goose Goes to India
by Kabir Sehgal



Dads Can Do It All!
by Ted Maass
(board book)

May Songs/Rhymes:

The Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout.
Use fingers to show climbing.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Wave fingers down and to side.
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain,
Make a large circle with arms.
And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again!
Use fingers to show climbing.

**Find this song on these recordings:*

101 Favorite Sing-a-long Songs for Kids (Music CD Children One)
Children's Sleepytime Songs (Music CD Children Chi)

Rain, Rain, Go Away

Traditional nursery chant; clap hands in a rhythm while speaking
Rain, rain, go away!
Come again another day,
Little _____ wants to play!
(insert child's name)



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