

April 2024 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		
	 Talk ¹ Can you name five words that rhyme with "zoo"?	 Move ² Can you make a rainbow shape with your body?	 Read ³ Read one of Sandra Boynton's humorous board books to celebrate her birthday.	 Explore ⁴ Talk about the colors that make up the rainbow.	 Play ⁵ Scribble with colorful crayons on a rainbow shape.	 Count ⁶ Give five hugs to people you love today.		
 Move ⁷ Practice walking backwards.	 Play ⁸ Pretend you are a frog. How would you move? How would you sound?	 Read ⁹ On Unicorn Day, read the book, <u>Uni the Unicorn</u> by Amy Krouse Rosenthal.	 Talk ¹⁰ Tell a friend about your favorite zoo animal and the sound it makes.	 Count ¹¹ Walk around your neighborhood and count the number of pets you see.	 ¹² Visit your library today. Check out a cookbook.	 Move ¹³ Bring a ball outside, and kick it with your foot.		
 Explore ¹⁴ Toss a small rock and a bigger rock into a puddle. Describe what happens.	 Talk ¹⁵ Tell a friend or sibling about your favorite color.	 Explore ¹⁶ Put water and dirt into a zip top bag, and have fun squishing!	 Count ¹⁷ Find and count five purple things in your house.	 Read ¹⁸ Read the book <u>Spring is for Strawberries</u> by Katherine Pryor to celebrate spring.	 Talk ¹⁹ Tell a grown-up: What is your favorite thing to do on a rainy day?	 Play ²⁰ Blow soap bubbles outside and try to catch them before they touch the ground.		
 Read ²¹ Use a children's cookbook to help your grown-up make dinner.	 Explore ²² It's Earth Day! Go outside on a scavenger hunt to find a rock, a leaf, a feather and more.	 Play ²³ On National Picnic Day, go outside and eat on a blanket.	 Read ²⁴ Read a book with a green cover.	 Move ²⁵ Can you do 10 jumping jacks with a friend?	 Count ²⁶ Peel an orange and count the number of segments inside.	 ²⁷ Visit your library today. Ask the librarian about children's events.		
 Play ²⁸ It's National Superhero Day! Pretend you have super powers.	 Count ²⁹ On National Zipper Day, count the zippers on clothes in your closet.	 Talk ³⁰ Tell a friend about which animal you would like to be for one day.	 <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>					

April Booklist:

	<p>Uni the Unicorn by Amy Krouse Rosenthal</p>		<p>Raindrops to Rainbow by John Micklos Jr</p>
	<p>Apple Pie Picnic by Alicia Duran</p>		<p>Look and Cook Snacks by Valorie Fisher</p>
	<p>Spring is for Strawberries by Katherine Pryor</p>		<p>Jungle Night by Sandra Boynton (board book)</p>
	<p>Little Green Donkey by Anuska Allepuz</p>		<p>One Rainy Day by Shobha Viswanath</p>

April Songs/Rhymes:

Five Little Frogs

Hold up five fingers, and put one down after each verse.

Five green and speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious bugs - yum, yum!
One jumped into the pool,
Where it was nice and cool.
Then there were four green speckled frogs - glub, glub!
(Continue counting down)

**Find this song on these recordings:*

Singable Songs for the Very Young by Raffi (Music CD Children Raf)

Kids Silly Song Sing-a-Longs (Music CD Children Kid)

Five Little Monkeys by Dennis Buck (Music CD Children Buc)

Raindrops

Ten little raindrops, *hold up all ten fingers*
Dancing on the walk. *tap fingers on lap*
Pitter patter, pitter patter,
That's the way they talk.
Out comes the yellow sun, shining in the sky. *make circle with arms*
And away all the raindrops fly, fly, fly! *"fly" fingers behind back*

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