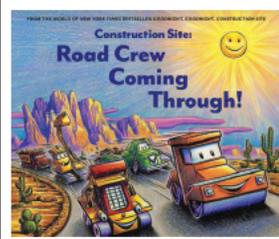


August 2024 Early Learning Calendar

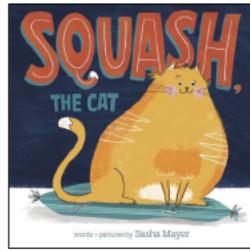
Encourage a love of learning in your child by doing one fun activity each day. Visit griver.org or your local library for more ideas, books and programs to do with your child.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<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>	 1 Tell a grown-up: When you feel sad, what are two things you can do to feel better?		 2 Move around like your favorite animal.	 3 On National Watermelon Day, count the seeds in a slice of watermelon.
 4 Read a Sherri Duskey Rinker book about construction vehicles to celebrate her birthday.	 5 Pretend you are a cat. How would you move? How would you sound?	 6 Go outside and look for butterflies and bugs.	 7 Tell a friend: What is your favorite thing to do at the playground?	 8 Ask a grown-up if you can help sweep the floor or sidewalk.	 9 Watch the sunset, and name the colors you see.	 10 Visit your library today. Check out a book you know and love.
 11 Have a "Beach Day" at home. Set out a pool, lawn chairs and sand toys.	 12 Read the book, <u>Summer is Here</u> by Renee Watson.	 13 Find five rocks that can fit in your pocket.	 14 As you sing the song "Mr. Sun," make a circle with your arms.	 15 Make a paper boat, and float it in a tub or pool of water.	 16 Find out about the Smokey Bear Reading Challenge on griver.beanstack.org .	 17 Stay up late and count the stars you see in the sky.
 18 Use all five senses to explore a watermelon: taste, touch, listen, smell, see.	 19 Count the number of sidewalk squares on your block.	 20 Read a book about your favorite kind of pet.	 21 Tell a friend about the people who live at your house.	 22 Bend down low, then see how high you can jump.	 23 Visit your library today. Check out a book that is new to you.	 24 Pretend you are a fire fighter as you use a spray bottle of water.
 25 Make a simple stick puppet with a craft stick and a photo.	 26 On National Dog Day, name words that rhyme with "dog."	 27 Use a stick to draw roads in the sand.	 28 Celebrate author and illustrator Brian Pinkney's birthday by reading <u>Hush, Little Baby</u> .	 29 Find and count five purple things in your house.	 30 Read <u>The Little House</u> or another classic by Virginia Lee Burton in memory of her birthday.	 31 Make bubble solution with dish soap and water. Use a fly swatter to blow tiny bubbles.

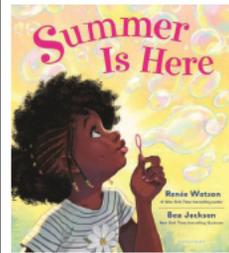
August Booklist:



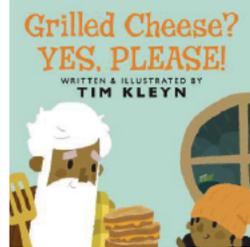
Construction Site: Road Crew, Coming Through!
by
Sherri Duskey Rinker



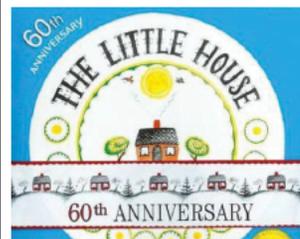
Squash, the Cat
by
Sasha Mayer



Summer is Here
by
Renée Watson



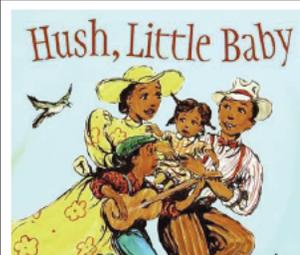
Grilled Cheese? Yes, Please!
by
Tim Kley



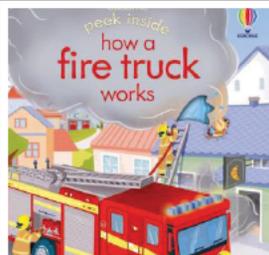
The Little House
by
Virginia Lee Burton



When the Sun Goes Down
by
Alicia Acosta
(board book)



Hush, Little Baby
by
Brian Pinkney



How a Fire Truck Works
by
Lara Bryan
(board book)

August Songs/Rhymes:

Mr. Sun

Hold arms in a large circle like the sun while singing song.

Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun,
Please shine down on me.
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun,
Hiding behind a tree.

These little children are asking you,
To please come out so they can play with you.
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun,
Please shine down on me.



**Find this song on these recordings:*

Best of Raffi by Raffi (Music CD Children Raf)

Car Songs to Sing Anywhere by Dennis Buck (Music CD Children Buc)

Six Little Ducks (Music CD Children Six)

You Are My Sunshine (traditional)

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine.
You make me happy when skies are gray.
You'll never know dear, how much I love you.
Please don't take my sunshine away!

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