June 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.



Saturday

Celebrate Go Barefoot Day by finding a safe place to run around without shoes!

Explore 1

Build a castle out of blocks or boxes.



Name words that rhyme with "June."



Use your finger to practice making a "J" for June.



Celebrate summer by reading, Summer is for Cousins by Rajani LaRocca.



Go outside and "paint" with water on rocks.

47 Count's

Friday

Celebrate Doughnut Day by finding and counting five circles in vour house.



Read the book. **Everyone Counts by** Judy Sierra to celebrate the author's birthday.



Would you rather live under the sea or in outer space? Why?



Do the actions as you sing the song, "If You're Happy and You Know It."

Move? 10 47 Count 2 11

How many blocks do you need to build a tower as tall as your bed?



Act out your favorite story using puppets or stuffed animals as props.

Explore 13

Find five smooth things and five rough things around your house.

47 COUNT 5 14

On Flag Day, count the stars and stripes on an American Flag.



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Visit your library. Have you started the Summer Reading Challenge?



On Father's Day, tell a father or grandfather why they are special.

Explore

Mix water with dirt outside. What can you make?



Move your arms as you draw large circles with chalk.

Read

Celebrate the Juneteenth holiday by reading, Juneteenth by Van G. Garrett.



Celebrate the first day of summer by playing in a sandbox outside.

Explore 21

Put an ice cube on the sidewalk outside. What happened?

3 COUNT 2 22

Count the pages in your bedtime book before reading it.



Find and count five pink things in your house.



Pretend you are a bird. How would you move? How would you sound?

Kead

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Celebrate the legendary author Eric Carle's birthday by reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

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What are three things you can do to be a good friend?



Run races with your friends or siblings.



Visit your library today. Check out a book about birds.

3 COUNT 5

Go for a walk and count all of the pets you see.



Pretend you have a pet. What would you name it?



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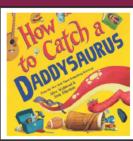
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June Booklist:



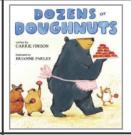
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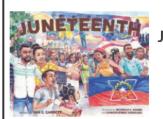
How to Catch a Daddysaurus by Alice Walstead



Everyone Counts by Judy Sierra



Dozens of Doughnuts by Carrie Finison



Juneteenth by Van G. Garrett



If You're Happy and You Know It by Hazel Quintanilla (board book)



The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle



The Very Hungry Caterpillar's First Summer by Eric Carle (board book)

June Songs/Rhymes:

If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands! If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands! If you're happy and you know it,
Then your face will surely show it;
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!

Additional verses:

- ...stomp your feet...
- ...shout "hooray!"...
- ...do all three!... (clap, stomp, shout)

*Find this song on these recordings:

Happy and You Know It by Steven C. Anderson (Kit E And)

If You're Happy and You Know It by Anna McQuinn (Kit E McQ)

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

Five Senses of Summer

(poem by Jean Warren)

I can hear summer's bees.
I can see summer's trees.
I can smell summer's flowers.
I can feel summer's showers.
I can taste summer's treats,

point to your ears
point to your eyes
hold up your fingers
point to your mouth

Like fresh wild berries, warm and sweet!

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