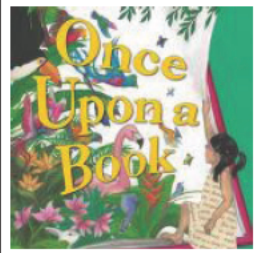


May 2024 Early Learning Calendar

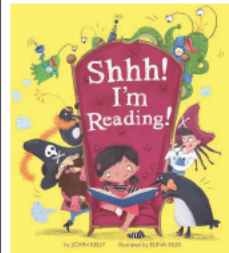
Encourage a love of learning in your child by doing one fun activity each day. Visit griver.org or your local library for more ideas, books and programs to do with your child.

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>		 <p>Play 1</p> <p>It's May Day! Draw or color pictures of flowers.</p>	 <p>Move 2</p> <p>Can you jog in place? Ask a grown-up to set a timer for one minute.</p>	 <p>Talk 3</p> <p>How many words can you name that rhyme with "May"?</p>	 <p>Count 4</p> <p>Count the chairs in your house. Which one is biggest? Which is smallest?</p>	
 <p>Explore 5</p> <p>Talk about the colors of your food at dinner today.</p>	 <p>Read 6</p> <p>Celebrate Children's Book Week by reading as much as possible all week.</p>	 <p>Talk 7</p> <p>Tell a friend: where is the silliest place you've ever read a book?</p>	 <p>Play 8</p> <p>Use pots, pans and wooden spoons to create a makeshift drum set.</p>	 <p>Read 9</p> <p>Use your imagination as you read <u>Once Upon a Book</u> by Grace Lin.</p>	 <p>Count 10</p> <p>Find and count five blue things in your house.</p>	 <p>11</p> <p>Visit your library today. Have you started 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?</p>
 <p>Talk 12</p> <p>Tell your mom or grandmother three things you love about her.</p>	 <p>Play 13</p> <p>Pretend you are a butterfly. How would you move? Where would you go?</p>	 <p>Explore 14</p> <p>Draw a face that shows how you feel: Happy? Sad? Sleepy? Silly?</p>	 <p>Read 15</p> <p>Read the book <u>If You Plant a Seed</u> by Kadir Nelson to celebrate the author's birthday.</p>	 <p>Move 16</p> <p>Stomp around the room as though you were a dinosaur.</p>	 <p>Count 17</p> <p>On Pizza Party Day, make a pizza with your grown-up and count the toppings.</p>	 <p>Play 18</p> <p>Make the animal sounds as you sing the song, "Old MacDonald Had a Farm."</p>
 <p>Explore 19</p> <p>Use natural objects (like stones, sticks and weeds) to form shapes and letters.</p>	 <p>Move 20</p> <p>Place a stick on the ground, and practice jumping over it.</p>	 <p>Count 21</p> <p>Count to ten as you bounce a ball ten times.</p>	 <p>Talk 22</p> <p>Tell a friend: what is your favorite food to eat from a grill?</p>	 <p>Explore 23</p> <p>Look out your front door and tell someone what you see.</p>	 <p>24</p> <p>Visit your library today. Check out a book with a yellow cover.</p>	 <p>Read 25</p> <p>Trade places at bedtime: read a story to your grown-up and tuck them into bed.</p>
 <p>Play 26</p> <p>Pretend you are shopping for groceries. What would you buy?</p>	 <p>Count 27</p> <p>Count on your fingers as you say the rhyme, "Five Little Butterflies."</p>	 <p>Move 28</p> <p>Use a recycled plastic lid as a Frisbee to toss outdoors.</p>	 <p>Read 29</p> <p>On Alligator Day, read <u>The Alligator Who Came For Dinner</u> by Steve Smallman.</p>	 <p>Explore 30</p> <p>Find things in your house that make noise. Which one is loudest?</p>	 <p>Talk 31</p> <p>Tell a grown-up: What would you like to plant in a garden?</p>	

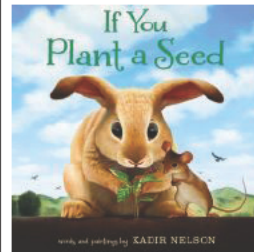
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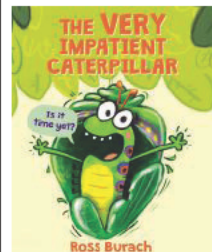
**Once Upon
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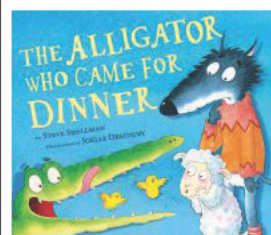
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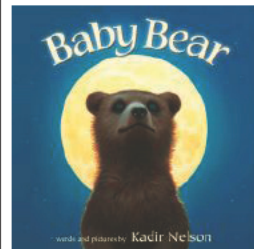
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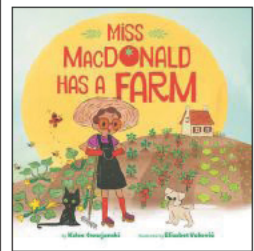
**The Very
Impatient
Caterpillar**
by
Ross Burach



**The Alligator
Who Came
For Dinner**
by
Steve
Smallman



Baby Bear
by
Kadir Nelson
(board book)



**Miss
MacDonald
Has a Farm**
by
Kalee
Gwarjanski



**Old
MacDonald
Had a Farm**
by
Conor Rawson
(board book)

May Songs/Rhymes:

Old MacDonald had a Farm

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O!
And on that farm he had a cow, E-I-E-I-O!
With a *moo, moo* here,
And a *moo, moo* there.
Here a *moo*, there a *moo*,
Everywhere a *moo, moo!*

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O!

Additional verses: horse/neigh; pig/oink; duck/quack; cat/meow

*Find this song on these recordings:

Six Little Ducks (Music CD Children Six)

Sing Along with Putumayo by Putumayo Kids (Music CD Children Put)

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

Five Little Butterflies

Five little butterflies flying near the door.
One fluttered away, now there are four.
Four little butterflies flying near the tree.
One fluttered away, now there are three.
Three little butterflies flying by my shoe.
One fluttered away, now there are two.
Two little butterflies flying toward the sun.
One fluttered away, now there is one.
One little butterfly, the last lonely one.
Then it fluttered away, leaving behind none!



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