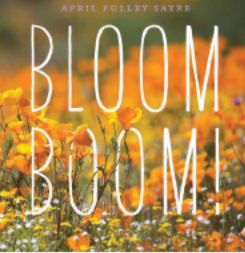


April 2025 Early Learning Calendar

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>Draw circles that are small, medium and large.</p>	 <p>Name at least three words that rhyme with "rain."</p>	 <p>Read one of author Sandra Boynton's silly books to celebrate her birthday.</p>	 <p>Pretend you are a truck driver. Where would you go?</p>	 <p>Visit your library today. Have you joined April Library Love on our Beanstack site?</p>	
	 <p>Go outside and take a sniff: what do you smell?</p>	 <p>Practice walking backward today.</p>	 <p>If you could open up a store, what would you sell?</p>	 <p>On National Unicorn Day, pretend you are a unicorn with one horn on your head.</p>	 <p>Find and count five blue things at your house.</p>	 <p>Read <u>Bloom Boom!</u> or another book by April Pulley Sayre to celebrate her birthday.</p>	 <p>Find five square shapes around your house.</p>
 <p>Can you walk across your bedroom with your eyes closed? Have a friend nearby to help!</p>	 <p>If you could be a superhero, what special power would you have?</p>	 <p>On World Art Day, pull out your craft supplies. What will you create?</p>	 <p>Use spoons to form letters and shapes. Can you make the first letter of your name?</p>	 <p>Scribble with colorful crayons on an umbrella shape.</p>	 <p>Visit your library today. Check out a book that makes you laugh.</p>	 <p>Use your whole body to form shapes and letters.</p>	
 <p>Walk outside and name all the colors you see.</p>	 <p>Spread your arms and twirl in a circle until you get dizzy!</p>	 <p>It's Earth Day! What can you do to care for the planet?</p>	 <p>Read <u>This Little Kitty in the Garden</u> by Karen Obuhanych to celebrate spring.</p>	 <p>Have you noticed some birds are back? Where have they been?</p>	 <p>Look at spice containers in your kitchen. Which has the most? Which has the least?</p>	 <p>Make up a new ending to your favorite book.</p>	
 <p>Make a nature mash-up with outdoor items like grass, dirt and water. Mix with a stick.</p>	 <p>Dance to a new kind of music. Have you tried jazz? How about opera?</p>	 <p>Pretend you are a frog. How would you move? How would you sound?</p>	 <p>Gather blocks and dice. Roll the dice and stack the matching number of blocks.</p>	<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>Banana Bop!: A Monster Show by Sandra Boynton</p>		<p>Dino-Earth Day by Lisa Wheeler</p>
	<p>Wee Unicorn by Meg McLaren</p>		<p>Big Bike, Little Bike by Kellie DuBay Gillis</p>
	<p>Bloom Boom! by April Pulley Sayre</p>		<p>It's Your Year, Baby Snake by Ariel Hsu (board book)</p>
	<p>This Little Kitty in the Garden by Karen Obuhanych</p>		<p>I See Spring by Charles Ghigna (board book)</p>

April Songs/Rhymes:

UP Pop the Flowers

(sung to: Pop Goes the Weasel)

We plant the seeds in the dirt,
The rain falls in a shower.
The sun comes out,
And what do you know?

*squat down; pretend to plant
flutter fingers
make circle with arms*

UP pop the flowers!

jump up

Little Birds

(Encourage your child to count along on their fingers.)

One little bird with feathers of blue.
Down flew the green one, and then there were two.
Two little birds singing in a tree;
The red bird came to join them, and then there were three.
Three little birds, wishing there were more;
Along came the purple one, and then there were four.
Four little birds, happy to be alive;
Found a little yellow one, and then there were five.
Five little birds as happy as can be.
Singing beautiful songs – just for you and me!

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