


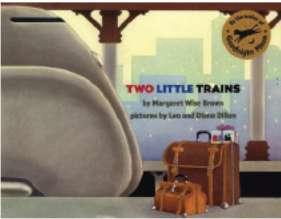


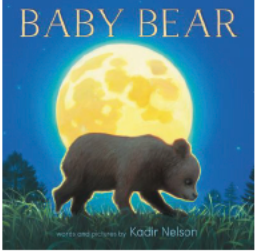

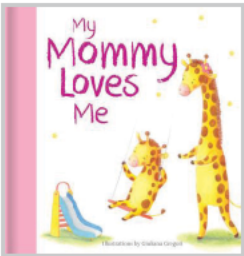


May 2025 Early Learning Calendar

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
			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.			
 4 Go outside and practice your skipping skills.	 5 Celebrate Children's Book Week by reading, <u>When You Love a Book</u> by Kaz Windness.	 6 Look at a map to see where you live.	 7 Arrange the shoes in your house from smallest to biggest.	 1 On May Day, name five words that rhyme with "May."	 2 Trade places at reading time: read a book to your grown-up!	 3 Can you and a friend act out a story without using any words?
 11 Tell your mom or grandma three things you like about them.	 12 Clean up your room, and count the things you put away.	 13 Pretend you are a bird. How would you move? How would you sound?	 14 Move your body in a way that makes you feel silly!	 15 Read <u>Baby Bear</u> by Kadir Nelson to celebrate the author's birthday.	 16 On Love a Tree Day, look for different types of trees in your neighborhood.	 17 On Pizza Party Day, help make a pizza and count the toppings.
 18 Practice walking like your favorite animal.	 19 What happens when you blow through a straw in your soapy bathwater?	 20 Learn more about bees by checking out a simple non-fiction book.	 21 Go outside and look for bees and bee-friendly plants.	 22 Name words that begin with the /b/ sound.	 23 Read <u>Two Little Trains</u> or another classic by Margaret Wise Brown in honor of her birthday.	 24 Make your own scavenger hunt for a friend by hiding five objects outside.
 25 Take a walk outside and count the birds you see.	 26 Tell a friend or sibling about your favorite pizza toppings.	 27 Sing and do the actions for the song, "The Itsy Bitsy Spider."	 28 Play soccer or kickball with family, friends and neighbors.	 29 Choose a favorite book and sing the words instead of saying them.	 30 Visit your library today.	 31 Plant a seed in a cup of soil. Set it in a sunny spot, and keep it moist.

May Booklist:

	When You Love a Book by Kaz Windness		Mommy Time by Monique James-Duncan
	Two Little Trains by Margaret Wise Brown		Fishing With Mom by Kevin Lovegreen
	Henry's Pizzas by Robert Quackenbush		Baby Bear by Kadir Nelson (board book)
	Bees Help Gardens Grow by Katherine Chu		My Mommy Loves Me by Giuliana Gregori (board book)

May Songs/Rhymes:

The Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout. *Use fingers to show climbing.*
Down came the rain and washed the spider out. *Wave fingers down and to side.*
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain, *Make a large circle with arms.*
And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again! *Use fingers to show climbing.*

**Find this song on these recordings:*

101 Favorite Sing-a-long Songs for Kids (Music CD Children One)

Children's Sleepytime Songs (Music CD Children Chi)

Little Bees

(Help your child count on their fingers as you say the rhyme.)

He met a friend, and that made two.
Two little bees, busy as could be-
Along came another, and that made three.
Three little bees wished for one more.
They found one soon, and that made four.
Four little bees, going to the hive,
Spied their little brother, and that made five.
Five little bees working every hour-
Buzz away, bees, and find another flower!



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