

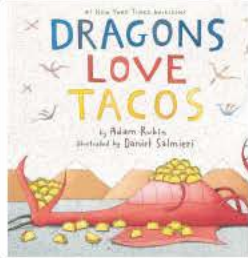
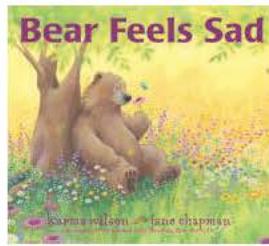
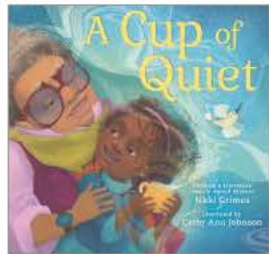
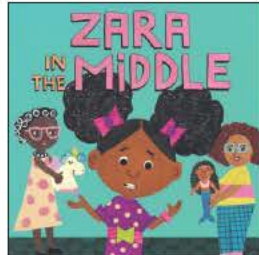
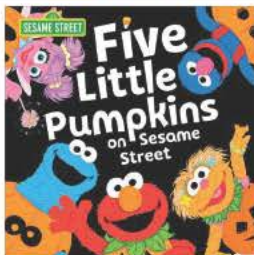
# October 2025 Early Learning Calendar

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

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Monday                                                                                                                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                     | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                       | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                              | Friday                                                                                                                                                                        | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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|  <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> |                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                             |  <sup>1</sup><br>Work your small finger muscles by painting with a cotton swab.                               |  <sup>2</sup><br>On World Smile Day, talk about what makes you happy.                                              |  <sup>3</sup><br>Clap out a rhythm with your hands, and ask a friend to copy it.           |  <sup>4</sup><br>Visit your library today.                                                              |
|  <sup>5</sup><br>Pretend you are a fire fighter. What tools would you use?                                                                                                            |  <sup>6</sup><br>Sort colored candies by color before sharing and eating them.                     |  <sup>7</sup><br>It's National Taco Day! Read <u>Dragons Love Tacos</u> or the sequel, both by Adam Rubin. |  <sup>8</sup><br>Read <u>Bear Feels Sad</u> or another bear book to celebrate author Karma Wilson's birthday. |  <sup>9</sup><br>Pretend you are a leaf as you slowly fall to the ground.                                          |  <sup>10</sup><br>Can you name five words that rhyme with "cat"?                           |  <sup>11</sup><br>Explore shadows with a flashlight. How do the shadows change when you move the light? |
|  <sup>12</sup><br>Clap your hands as quickly as you can; then clap them slowly.                                                                                                       |  <sup>13</sup><br>Read <u>Pumpkin Spice</u> by Arie Kaplan to learn more about fall.               |  <sup>14</sup><br>Can you find five square shapes in your house?                                           |  <sup>15</sup><br>Pretend you are a lion. How would you move? How would you sound?                            |  <sup>16</sup><br>Float or sink? Drop fall items (pinecones, acorns, leaves, etc.) into water; watch what happens! |  <sup>17</sup><br>Visit your library today.                                                |  <sup>18</sup><br>Roll a ball back and forth with a friend or sibling.                                  |
|  <sup>19</sup><br>Talk about parts of a pumpkin as you carve one: stem, seeds, pulp, etc.                                                                                           |  <sup>20</sup><br>Read <u>A Cup of Quiet</u> by Nikki Grimes to celebrate the author's birthday. |  <sup>21</sup><br>Learn to say "hello" in a language that is new to you.                                 |  <sup>22</sup><br>Find and count five black things in your house.                                           |  <sup>23</sup><br>Use your fingers as you say the rhyme, "Five Little Pumpkins."                                 |  <sup>24</sup><br>Collect fallen leaves and talk about how they are alike and different. |  <sup>25</sup><br>Make up a story and tell it to someone you love.                                    |
|  <sup>26</sup><br>Play pretend pumpkin patch by hiding mini pumpkins (or pictures) around the house.                                                                                |  <sup>27</sup><br>Spread your arms out wide and move side to side.                               |  <sup>28</sup><br>Go for a walk outside and count all the pumpkins you see.                              |  <sup>29</sup><br>Gather household objects and practice building bridges together.                          |  <sup>30</sup><br>Count the letters in your first name and last name. Which has more?                            |  <sup>31</sup><br>Scribble with orange crayon on a pumpkin shape.                        |                                                                                                                                                                                            |



## October Booklist:

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|   | <b>Dragons Love Tacos</b><br>by<br>Adam Rubin        |   | <b>Kitty vs. Kindergarten</b><br>by<br>Martha Freeman                                  |
|   | <b>Bear Feels Sad</b><br>by<br>Karma Wilson          |   | <b>The King of Books</b><br>by<br>Gina Perry                                           |
|   | <b>A Cup of Quiet</b><br>by<br>Nikki Grimes          |   | <b>Pumpkin Spice</b><br>by<br>Arie Kaplan<br>(board book)                              |
|  | <b>Zara in the Middle</b><br>by<br>Erika Lynne Jones |  | <b>Five Little Pumpkins on Sesame Street</b><br>by Erin Guendelsberger<br>(board book) |

## October Songs/Rhymes:

### Fall is Here

(sung to: Mulberry Bush)

This is the way the leaves fall down,  
The leaves fall down, the leaves fall down;  
This is the way the leaves fall down,  
Now that fall is here.

*additional verses:*

This is the way we stomp in the leaves . . .  
This is the way we rake the leaves . . .  
This is the way we jump in the leaves . . .

### Five Little Pumpkins

*Point to your fingers as you say the rhyme.*

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.  
The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late."  
The second one said, "There are witches in the air."  
The third one said, "But we don't care."  
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run!"  
The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun."  
Then oooooohh went the wind and out went out the light.  
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight!



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