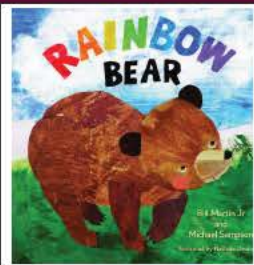


April 2026 Early Learning Calendar

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>1 What animal would you like to be for one day?</p>		 <p>2 Peel an orange and count the number of segments inside.</p>		 <p>3 Can you do 10 jumping jacks with a friend?</p>	
 <p>5 Put water and dirt into a zip top bag, and have fun squishing!</p>		 <p>6 Pretend you are a frog. How would you move? How would you sound?</p>		 <p>7 Tell a grown-up: What is your favorite thing to do on a rainy day?</p>		 <p>8 Find and count five purple things in your house.</p>	
 <p>9 Can you make a rainbow shape with your body?</p>		 <p>10 Visit your library today. Check out a children's cookbook.</p>		 <p>11 On author April Pulley Sayre's birthday, read one of her factual books.</p>			
 <p>12 Scribble with colorful crayons on a rainbow shape.</p>		 <p>13 Use a children's cookbook to help your grown-up make dinner.</p>		 <p>14 Walk around your neighborhood and count the number of pets you see.</p>		 <p>15 Bring a ball outside, and kick it with your foot.</p>	
 <p>16 Decorate a cup, and place it outside to catch rain.</p>		 <p>17 Tell a friend or sibling about your favorite color.</p>		 <p>18 Blow soap bubbles outside, and try to catch them before they touch the ground.</p>			
 <p>19 Play at a park or playground that is new to you.</p>		 <p>21 Read <i>Rainbow Bear</i> by Bill Martin to learn the colors of the rainbow.</p>		 <p>22 It's Earth Day! Go outside on a scavenger hunt to find a rock, a feather and more.</p>		 <p>23 On National Picnic Day, go outside to eat on a blanket.</p>	
 <p>20 Count the pages in your favorite book before you read it.</p>		 <p>24 Tell a friend about your favorite zoo animal and the sound it makes.</p>		 <p>25 Visit your library today. Check out a book of children's poetry.</p>			
 <p>27 Go outside and measure the height of a bush or plant. How tall is it?</p>		 <p>28 It's National Superhero Day! Pretend you have super powers.</p>		 <p>29 Read a book about a unicorn named UNI in honor of creator Amy Krouse Rosenthal's birthday.</p>		 <p>30 Practice walking backwards.</p>	
 <p>26 Give five hugs to people you love.</p>							

April Booklist:



Rainbow Bear
by
Bill Martin Jr.



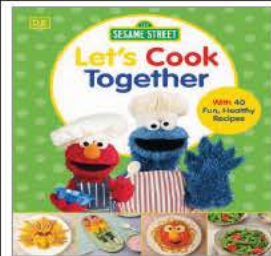
We All Love
by
Julie Flett



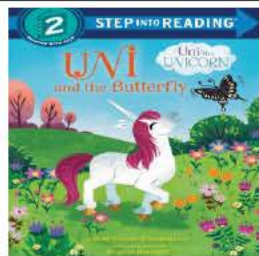
Bunny Loves Beans
by
Jane Whittingham



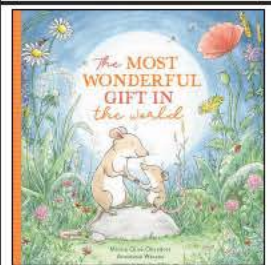
In Between
by
April Pulley Sayre



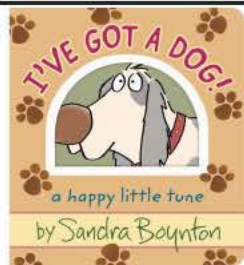
Sesame Street: Let's Cook Together



Uni and the Butterfly
by
Amy Krouse Rosenthal



The Most Wonderful Gift in the World
by
Mireia Olive Obradors



I've Got a Dog!
by
Sandra Boynton
(board book)

April Songs/Rhymes:

Five Little Frogs

Hold up five fingers, and put one down after each verse.

Five green and speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious bugs - yum, yum!
One jumped into the pool,
Where it was nice and cool.
Then there were four green speckled frogs - glub, glub!
(Continue with Four speckled frogs, etc.)

*Find this song on these recordings:

Singable Songs for the Very Young by Raffi (Music CD Children Raf)

Kids Silly Song Sing-a-Longs (Music CD Children Kid)

Five Little Monkeys by Dennis Buck (Music CD Children Buc)

Raindrops

Ten little raindrops, *hold up all ten fingers*
Dancing on the walk. *tap fingers on lap*
Pitter patter, pitter patter,
That's the way they talk.
Out comes the yellow sun, shining in the sky. *make circle with arms*
And away all the raindrops fly, fly, fly! *"fly" fingers behind back*

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