

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

August 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.

Explore

Make bubble solution with dish soap and water. Use a fly swatter to blow tiny bubbles.

Play

Use a stick to draw roads in the sand.

Count

Find and count five purple things in your house.

Move

Bend down low, then see how high you can jump.

Read

Read a book about your favorite kind of pet.

Talk

Tell a friend about the people who live at your house.

Count

Count the number of sidewalk squares on your block.

Smile

Visit your library today. It's the last day of Summer Reading Challenge!

Explore

Use all five senses to explore a watermelon: taste, touch, listen, smell, see.

Play

Make a simple stick puppet with a craft stick and a photo.

Talk

Tell a grown-up: When you feel sad, what are two things you can do to feel better?

Move

As you sing the song, "You Are My Sunshine," make a circle with your arms.

Play

Pretend you are a cat. How would you move? How would you sound?

Explore

Watch the sun set, and name the colors you see.

Play

Pretend you are a fire fighter as you use a spray bottle of water.

Count

Find five rocks you can fit in your pocket.

Talk

Tell a friend: What is your favorite thing to do at the playground?

Play

Make a paper boat, and float it in a tub or pool of water.

Explore

Go outside and look for butterflies and bugs.

Read

Read Little Truck or another book by Taro Gomi to celebrate the author's birthday.

Smile

Visit your library today.

Count

Stay up late and count the stars you see in the sky.

Play

Have a "Beach Day" at home. Set out a pool, lawn chairs and sand toys.

Move

Hop from your bed to your bedroom door.

Count

As you help with the laundry, count the items you sort.

Talk

On National Dog Day name words that rhyme with "dog."

Play

Ask a grown-up to teach you how to play Rock, Paper, Scissors.

Read

Read Brandon and the Baby by Brian Pinkney to celebrate his birthday.

Talk

Make up a story where YOU are the hero!

Move

Practice bouncing and catching a ball outside.

Move

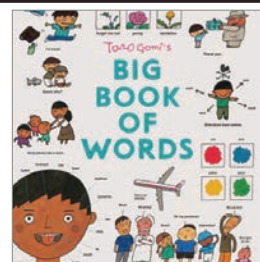
Move around like your favorite animal.

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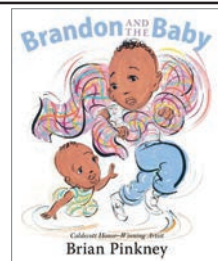
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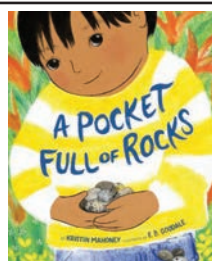
**Taro Gomi's
Big Book
of Words**
by
Taro Gomi



Sand Cakes
by
Kallie George



**Brandon and
the Baby**
by
Brian Pinkney



**A Pocket
Full of Rocks**
by
Kristin Mahoney



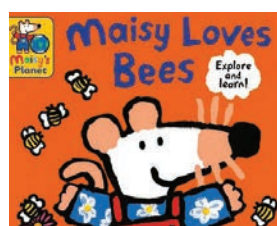
**Bothered
by Bugs**
by
Emily Gravett



Little Truck
by
Taro Gomi
(board book)



Wildspeak
by
Sangma Francis



**Maisy Loves
Bees**
by
Lucy Cousins
(board book)

August Songs/Rhymes:

Mr. Sun

Hold arms in a large circle like the sun while singing song.

Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun,
Please shine down on me.
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun,
Hiding behind a tree.
These little children are asking you,
To please come out so they can play with you.
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun,
Please shine down on me.

**Find this song on these recordings:*

Best of Raffi by Raffi (Music CD Children Raf)

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

Six Little Ducks (Music CD Children Six)

You Are My Sunshine (traditional)

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine.
You make me happy when skies are gray.
You'll never know dear, how much I love you.
Please don't take my sunshine away!



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