



























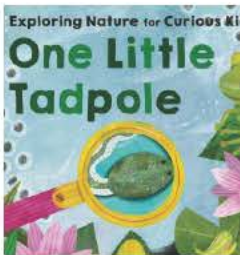


May 2026 Early Learning Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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.</p>					 1 Happy May Day! Name words that rhyme with "May."	 2 Arrange the shoes in your house from smallest to biggest.
 3 Read extra books this week to celebrate Children's Book Week.	 4 Move like your favorite springtime critter: hop, wiggle, flutter!	 5 Find things in your house that make noise. Which is loudest?	 6 Make the animal sounds as you sing the song, "Old MacDonald Had a Farm."	 7 Tell a friend about the silliest place you have ever read a book.	 8 Count on your fingers as you say the rhyme, "Five Little Butterflies."	 9 Visit your library today. Check out a book about spring.
 10 Tell your mom or grandmother what you love about them.	 11 Pretend you are grocery shopping. What would you buy?	 12 Use a finger to draw letters and shapes in a sandbox.	 13 Play music with pots, pans and spoons from the kitchen.	 14 Look out your front door and tell a friend what you see.	 15 How many words can you name that start with the /m/ sound?	 16 Count to 10 as you bounce a ball ten times.
 17 Place a stick on the ground, and practice jumping over it.	 18 Read <u>You and Me, Baby</u> by Aisha Saeed to celebrate mothers.	 19 Find and count five blue things in your house.	 20 On World Bee Day, look around for bees – but do not disturb!	 21 Can you hop in place? Ask a grown-up to set a timer for one minute.	 22 Visit your library today. Have you started 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?	 23 Pretend you are a turtle. How would you move? What would you eat?
 24 Read <u>Mine!</u> by Candace Fleming to celebrate her birthday.	 25 Name words that start with the first letter of your name.	 26 Stomp around like a dinosaur.	 27 Draw a face that shows how you feel: Happy? Sad? Silly? Sleepy?	 28 How many different kinds of flowers can you find outdoors?	 29 Pretend you are a butterfly. How would you move? Where would you go?	 30 Talk about the colors of your food at dinner tonight.
 31 Read <u>Summer is Here</u> by Will Hillenbrand to celebrate his birthday.	<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>					

May Booklist:

	<p>You and Me, Baby by Aisha Saeed</p>		<p>Turtle-Turtle and the Wide, Wide River by Jane Hillenbrand</p>
	<p>Mine! by Candace Fleming</p>		<p>I Can Help On the Farm by David Hyde Costello</p>
	<p>Summer is Here by Will Hillenbrand</p>		<p>Old MacDonald Had a Farm by Conor Rawson (board book)</p>
	<p>If You Want to be a Butterfly by Muon Van</p>		<p>One Little Tadpole by Molly Littleboy (board book)</p>

May Songs/Rhymes:

Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Old MacDonald Had a Farm
Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O!
And on that farm he had a cow, E-I-E-I-O!
With a *moo, moo* here,
And a *moo, moo* there.
Here a *moo*, there a *moo*,
Everywhere a *moo, moo*!
Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O!
Additional verses: horse/neigh; pig/oink; duck/quack; cat/meow

**Find this song on these recordings:*

Six Little Ducks (Music CD Children Six)

Sing Along with Putumayo by Putumayo Kids (Music CD Children Put)

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

Five Little Butterflies

Encourage your child to count along on their fingers.

Five little butterflies flying near the door.
One fluttered away, now there are four.
Four little butterflies flying near the tree.
One fluttered away, now there are three.
Three little butterflies flying by my shoe.
One fluttered away, now there are two.
Two little butterflies flying toward the sun.
One fluttered away, now there is one.
One little butterfly, the last lonely one.
Then it fluttered away, leaving behind none!

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