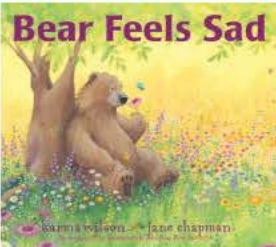
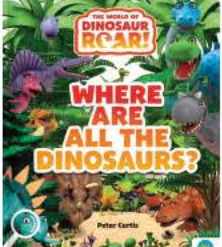
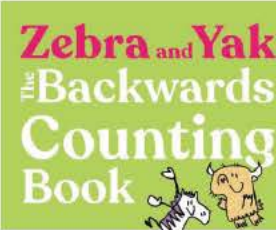
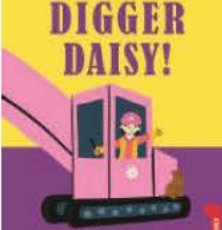
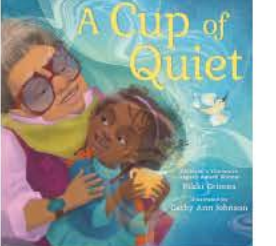
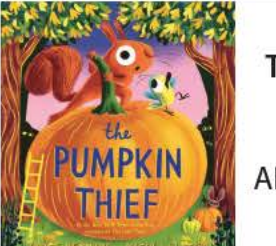


October 2026 Early Learning Calendar

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
 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.				Count¹ Count the letters in your first and last name. Which has more?	Talk² Name words that begin with the /o/ sound, like at the beginning of "October."	Move³ Sing and do the actions for the song, "I'm a Little Pumpkin."
Explore⁴ How many different colored leaves can you find outside?	Play⁵ Pretend you are driving a truck. Use a paper plate as a steering wheel.	Move⁶ Scribble with an orange crayon on a pumpkin shape.	Talk⁷ Tell your grown-up about your favorite sweet treat.	Read⁸ Read <u>Bear Feels Sad</u> by Karma Wilson to celebrate the author's birthday.	Count⁹ Find and count five black things in your house.	¹⁰ Visit your library today. Check out a book about dinosaurs.
Play¹¹ Pretend you are at a campfire as you sit on pillows in a circle and tell stories.	Read¹² Look at the pictures in a favorite book, but make up a different story.	Explore¹³ Gather some fallen leaves. What sounds can you make with them?	Play¹⁴ Use your fallen leaves to make crayon rubbings.	Count¹⁵ Read <u>The Backwards Counting Book</u> by Paul Friedrich.	Talk¹⁶ If you could be a dinosaur, what kind would you like to be?	Move¹⁷ Do some stretches before bed. Reach up high and down low!
Explore¹⁸ Find three smooth things and three scratchy things at your house.	Move¹⁹ Practice doing action words: Can you run? Jump? Clap? What else?	Read²⁰ Read <u>A Cup of Quiet</u> or another book by Nikki Grimes to celebrate her birthday.	Talk²¹ Name five words that rhyme with "big."	Play²² Play "Follow the Leader" with a friend or sibling.	²³ Visit your library today.	Count²⁴ Help your grown-up carve a pumpkin, and count the seeds inside.
Move²⁵ Use your fingers as you say the rhyme, "Five Little Pumpkins."	Talk²⁶ When you are angry, what are two things you can do to feel better?	Count²⁷ Use candy corn to practice counting, adding and subtracting.	Explore²⁸ Take a walk outside in fallen leaves.	Play²⁹ Pretend you are a cat. How would you move? How would you sound?	Read³⁰ Read <u>The Pumpkin Thief</u> by Alice Hemming.	Play³¹ Dress up like your favorite book character.

October Booklist:

	Bear Feels Sad by Karma Wilson		Where Are All the Dinosaurs? by Peter Curtis
	The Backwards Counting Book by Paul Friedrich		Digger Daisy! by Andrea Griffing Zimmerman
	A Cup of Quiet by Nikki Grimes		1, 2, 3, Can You Count Along? by Alice Hemming (board book)
	The Pumpkin Thief by Alice Hemming		D is for Dinosaur by Courtney Acmopora (board book)

October Songs/Rhymes:

I'm a Little Pumpkin

(sung to: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little pumpkin, orange and round.
Here is my stem, and there is the ground.

*use arms to form a circle
point to top of head,
then down at floor*

When I get all cut up, don't you shout-
Just open me up, and scoop me out!

make a scooping motion



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's a chill 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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