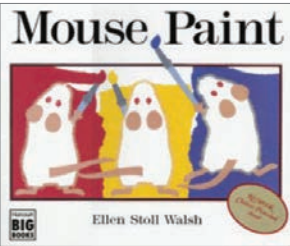
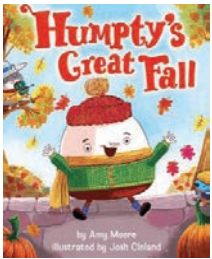
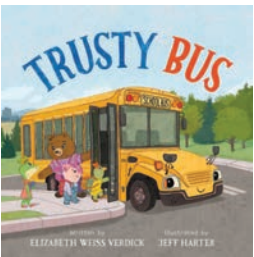
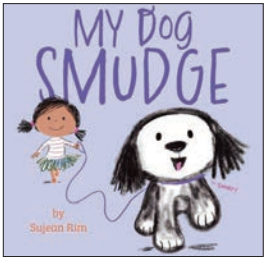
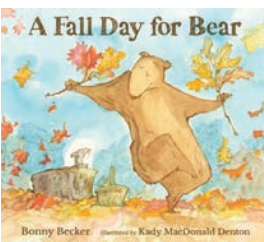
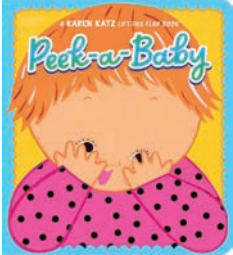
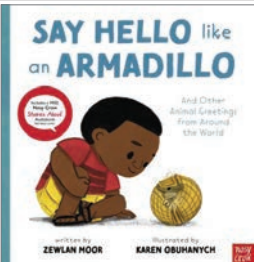


September 2026 Early Learning Calendar

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
		Talk ¹ Name five words that begin with the /s/ sound.	Read ² Read the classic <u>Mouse Count</u> or <u>Mouse Paint</u> by Ellen Stoll Walsh to celebrate her birthday.	Count ³ Find and count five brown things in your house.	Play ⁴ Pretend you are a bus driver. Arrange chairs in rows like seats.	Move ⁵ Go outside and run a race with a friend or sibling.
Read ⁶ It's National Read a Book Day! Share books with someone you love.	Count ⁷ Use a timer to see how long it takes to brush your teeth.	Explore ⁸ Go outside and talk about the weather.	Count ⁹ Use colored blocks to make a simple pattern.	Play ¹⁰ Play a hopping game with a friend.	Move ¹¹ What can you do with a ball? Throw it? Kick it? What else?	 ¹² Visit your library today. Do you have your own library card?
Play ¹³ Spend time with a loved one on Grandparents Day.	Explore ¹⁴ Use all five senses to explore an apple: taste, touch, smell, see, listen.	Count ¹⁵ Go to a store or apple orchard, and count five apples.	Read ¹⁶ Read a book by Karen Katz, such as <u>Peek-a-Baby</u> to celebrate her birthday.	Talk ¹⁷ How many words can you name that rhyme with "fall"?	Play ¹⁸ Pretend you are an alligator. How would you move? What would you eat?	Move ¹⁹ On National Dance Day, practice your dance moves!
Explore ²⁰ Look at the color of your shirt. What else can you find in that color?	Move ²¹ Jump up and down until you feel your heart beating faster.	Read ²² On the first day of fall, read <u>A Fall Day for Bear</u> by Bonny Becker.	Talk ²³ Look at pictures of animals and talk about their sounds.	Explore ²⁴ Use plastic cups and craft sticks to see what you can build.	 ²⁵ Visit your library today!	Move ²⁶ Move your body as you sing a song about falling leaves.
Count ²⁷ Count with a grown-up as they push you on a swing.	Read ²⁸ Read <u>Trusty Bus</u> by Elizabeth Verdick to celebrate the start of school.	Play ²⁹ Roll toy cars through a paper towel tube. Pretend it is a tunnel!	Talk ³⁰ Tell someone about your favorite fall activities.	 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.		

September Booklist:

 Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh	 Humpty's Great Fall by Amy Moore
 Trusty Bus by Elizabeth Verdick	 My Dog Smudge by Sujean Rim
 A Fall Day for Bear by Bonny Becker	 Peek-a-Baby by Karen Katz (board book)
 Say Hello like an Armadillo and Other Animal Greetings from Around the World by Zewlan Moor	 What Color Is It? by Alice Hemming (board book)

September Songs/Rhymes:

Fall is Here

(sung to: Mulberry Bush)

This is the way the leaves fall down, *flutter fingers downward*
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 ... *stomp feet*
This is the way we rake the leaves ... *pretend to rake*
This is the way we jump in the leaves ... *jump in place*

Two Little Apples

Two little apples, high in the tree.
One for you and one for me!
I shook that tree as hard as I could.
And down came the apples– mmm, they were good!



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