



Promote Your Child's Literacy Development Each and Every Day!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Today read a fairy tale together!	After you read a story talk about it with your child.	Look at a book's illustrations and make up your own story instead of reading the words.	Try a new healthy recipe today so your child can watch you read for information.	Tell your family's story by looking through photo albums.	Change the words to "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" to make up a song about teddy bears.	Read a counting book together today!
After reading a book, make a paper sack puppet for one of the characters and retell the story.	Remember when you read together today that children who grow up being read to grow up to love books and reading.	Make up your own story using your folded hands for the pages.	Practice writing letters by tracing them in uncooked rice or coffee grounds.	Use different voices for different characters as you read - it makes the book come alive!	Read a non-fiction book together!	Take turns with your child in naming things, such as colors, farm animals, or clothing items.
Read a participation book with your child today!	Ask your child to look for specific letters in the text as you read the story.	Read a predictable story together!	Talk with your child as you go about your day. Say what you are doing and why.	Find a cozy place to read together and call it your reading spot!	Play with the sounds of language using rhyming and guessing games.	Make up your own story by having each family member tell a sentence or two.
Run your fingers under the words of the story as you read them.	Read an alphabet story together!	When you read together today remember that you are creating a closeness that your child will remember all her life.	Look for a way to relate every day life to the story you read - "The little boy in the story has a dog. Who do you know who has a dog?"	Visit your local library today and check out books for the whole family.	Sing a song - it promotes your child's language development.	Take a walk through your neighborhood and talk about the colors and shapes of
Read a rhyming story together!	Play Echo. Say a series of 2, 3, or 4 letters or numbers and have your child repeat them.	Cuddle together as you read - it fosters your child's sense of security and belonging.	Today read a wordless book together!	Reading aloud is the single most important way to ensure your child's future successes.	Read a book or magazine for pleasure yourself today so your child can see you enjoy reading.	Do a finger play with your child today like "The Itsy Bitsy Spider."

