



April 2017

Play, Learn and Grow... Together!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Knock Knock! Its April Fool's Day! Tell a joke to someone in your home today.
2 Bring out the crayons and play around with the colors. What two colors mix together to make green?	3 Go on a shape hunt around the house. Where do you see circles, squares and triangles?	4 April is National Poetry Month. Look for a book of poems at your next library visit.	5 Do a dot-to-dot outline of the letter A for your child to trace.	6 Sing Head, Shoulders Knees and Toes. Sing it fast, sing it slow, try it backwards!	7 Count and sort a collection of objects in the house – socks, rings, buttons, etc.	8 Today is National Draw a Picture of a Bird day. Draw a picture of a bird you see outside your
9 Use a paper lunch bag to make a puppet. Tell a story or sing your favorite song.	10 Look for an audiobook version of your child's favorite picture book on one of our fantastic ebook	11 Blow up a balloon. Watch it grow bigger then shrink when you let out the air.	12 Bring out a dictionary and look up the meaning of a word when reading bedtime stories.	13 Visit your local library for a storytime or craft program.	14 What rhymes with frog?	15 Create a magical adventure with 2 chairs or a fort. Is it a cave? A camping tent? A forest?
16 Count the number of slices of fruit during snack time. How many are left when you eat 2?	17 Sing a bedtime song to your toys.	18 Let your child scoop and measure ingredients in the kitchen.	19 Play a game of I Spy during a drive in the car, or out for a walk	20 Tree begins with the letter T. Make a list of words that begin with the letter T	21 Talk about your upcoming weekend plans.	22 Read a book about flowers.
23 Move and make sounds like different zoo creatures.	24 Sing the Wheels on the Bus.	25 When shopping at the grocery store, look for foods that begin with the letter A	26 Before reading a book, talk about the job of the author and illustrator of the book.	27 Hug and say "I love you" to someone special in your life today.	28 Practice making letters q-tips or toothpicks.	29 Read a book you haven't read in a long time.

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Look through a favorite cookbook and pick a meal or dessert to make together.

These fun & simple activities are just one way to help develop your child's pre-reading skills. Pick and choose or try them all!

Visit sjpl.org/events to find library programs and events near you!