

# March 2021

Early Literacy activities you can do at home, school, or the library with young children. Read, write, sing, play, and talk all week long!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Sign up for our virtual Mo Willems celebration online.</b></p>	<p>1 READ Lots of spots by Lois Ehlert</p>	<p>2 WRITE Use Do a Dot markers to make patterns</p>	<p>3 SING Along with music by the Polkadots</p>	<p>4 PLAY A jumping game. Put polka dot carpet circles or paper circles on the floor and jump from one to another</p>	<p>5 TALK About the dots you see around you. What different colors and patterns of dots do you see?</p>	<p>6 Bring it all together and have a dot party. Eat round food and color paper plates and hang them up for decorations.</p>
<p>7 Word of the week is: Nocturnal</p>	<p>8 READ Night animals by Gianna Marino</p>	<p>9 WRITE Draw pictures of nocturnal animals</p>	<p>10 SING A lullaby</p>	<p>11 PLAY Hide-and-seek</p>	<p>12 TALK About which animals sleep at night and during the day</p>	<p>13 Bring it all together and take a walk at night. Do you hear or see any animals?</p>
<p>14 Word of the week is: Share</p>	<p>15 READ Crunch by Carolina Rabei</p>	<p>16 WRITE A story about a time you shared with someone</p>	<p>17 SING A song about sharing</p>	<p>18 PLAY Together with some friends</p>	<p>19 TALK About a time you had trouble sharing. How can you say no if you don't want to share?</p>	<p>20 Bring it all together and visit the library gerbils. Do they share their cage?</p>
<p>21 Word of the week is: Subtle</p>	<p>22 READ Please don't eat me by Liz Climo</p>	<p>23 WRITE Color Liz Climo cartoons (can be found online)</p>	<p>24 SING I know an old lady who swallowed a fly</p>	<p>25 PLAY With circulating toys from the library</p>	<p>26 TALK About the story. Does bear want to be friends? Do you think he will eat the rabbit?</p>	<p>27 Bring it all together and cook with friends (friends as helpers, not ingredients)</p>
<p>28 Word of the week is: Transition</p>	<p>29 READ Come next season by Kim Norman</p>	<p>30 WRITE Draw pictures of the seasons</p>	<p>31 SING Do Five little rhymes: Five little flowers, Five little frogs, Five little seeds, etc.</p>	<p><b>Spring Break is a great time to send home early literacy activities with students or spend time with your kids. Remember, simple is ok, even great! Go on walks and talk about what you see, read books together, let them play and get dirty and experience the world.</b></p>		

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<p><b>April is a good time to start getting gardens ready for planting. If you don't have planting space at home, look into a community garden or visit the library garden. Learn more about plants by checking out the NATURE/PLANTS neighborhood in the picture books or borrow books about gardening in J 630 and outdoor experiments in J 507.</b></p>				<p>1 PLAY Plant seeds in pots</p>	<p>2 TALK About what we do in different seasons and what you remember doing in past seasons.</p>	<p>3 Bring it all together and take a walk and look for signs of spring.</p>
<p>4 Word of the week is: Seasonal</p>	<p>5 READ Goodby winter, Hello spring by Kenard Pak</p>	<p>6 WRITE And draw your own story of winter changing to spring.</p>	<p>7 SING Rain rain go away</p>	<p>8 PLAY Pretend you are an animal getting ready for spring. What will you be doing?</p>	<p>9 TALK About your favorite parts of winter. What are you looking forward to in spring?</p>	<p>10 Bring it all together and take a walk and look to see if there are any signs of winter left.</p>
<p>11 Word of the week is: Memory</p>	<p>12 READ In a jar by Deborah Marcero</p>	<p>13 WRITE A letter to a friend or family member who lives far away</p>	<p>14 SING The Goodbye song</p>	<p>15 PLAY Make your own memory jars</p>	<p>16 TALK About good memories</p>	<p>17 Bring it all together and take a walk to find things to put in memory jars for friends and family.</p>
<p>18 Word of the week is: Blossom</p>	<p>19 READ Bloom boom by April Pulley Sayre</p>	<p>20 WRITE Draw pictures of flowers</p>	<p>21 SING The green grass grows all around</p>	<p>22 PLAY Make pretend flowers out of tissue paper and pipe cleaners</p>	<p>23 TALK About the different colors of your favorite flowers</p>	<p>24 Bring it all together and go for a walk. Write down all the flowers you see!</p>
<p>25 Word of the week is: Cooperation</p>	<p>26 READ The little green hen by Alison Murray</p>	<p>27 WRITE Draw your own Little Hen story</p>	<p>28 SING The more we get together</p>	<p>29 PLAY With friends</p>	<p>30 TALK About the story. Which animals helped Little Green Hen? Which ones did not? What would you have done?</p>	<p><b>Celebrate National Library Week April 4-10</b></p>