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Early Literacy (Read, Write, Sing, Play, and Talk)
activities you can do at home, school, or the library. For more ideas, visit
<https://www.pinterest.com/elkhornlibrary/activity-calendars/>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Word of the Week is: Sequence A sequence happens when things are arranged in a specific pattern.	3 READ One day at the bottom of the deep blue sea by Daniel Bernstrom	4 WRITE or draw what you would do if a shark tried to eat you.	5 SING The Rattlin' Bog by Jessica Law	6 PLAY Read The animals would not sleep by Sara Levine then arrange your own toys in sequence.	7 TALK about the sequences in your day. What happens after you get up in the morning?	8 Write out instructions for playing a game or making something and then follow them.
9 Word of the Week is: Interactive An interactive book is one where you actively participate in the story.	10 READ Recess by Lane Smith	11 WRITE or draw your own interactive story.	12 SING "List of Dances" by Jim Gill	13 PLAY with your interactive story. Take turns doing the actions with friends.	14 TALK about how you could add actions to other books you read.	15 Visit the library to check out more interactive books from the EFUN/PLAY neighborhood.
16 Word of the Week is: Travel To travel is to go from one place to another. Where have you traveled?	17 READ Good luck, ice cream truck! by Sorche Fairbank	18 WRITE or draw a list of all the different vehicles you have seen.	19 SING "The wheels on the bus" by Raffi	20 PLAY with trucks or cars. What kind of vehicles can you imagine?	21 TALK about the cars and trucks you see while driving. Where do you think they are going? What is inside of them?	22 Travel in your neighborhood - go for a walk and look for different vehicles, buildings, and neighbors.
23 Word of the Week is: Omnivore An omnivore is a creature that eats both meat and plants.	24 READ Dona Esmeralda who ate everything by Melissa De La Cruz	25 WRITE a list of all your favorite foods.	26 SING a song from "Fun Food Songs" by Raffi	27 PLAY in your kitchen. Can you help fix a meal, wash dishes, or clean up?	28 TALK about what you will have for dinner. What is the food made out of? How do you fix it?	29 Bring it all together and help your grown-up cook a meal. What ingredients do you use? Can you try something new?

It can be hard to find time in the busy holiday season, but one of the best ways to encourage literacy in children is to model literacy for them. Let them see you set aside time to read yourself, and focus on simple things like talking and singing together while running errands, letting children have free play time, and encourage drawing and writing on their own for their own enjoyment.