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<p>Remember that writing skills for young children don't need to use a pencil or focus on letters. Let them draw with their fingers in flour, paint, or mud, and practice their fine motor skills by using scissors, droppers, or doing art like coloring or painting. Don't forget to sign up for summer reading at the library and join in with our programs for all ages!</p>						
<p>4 Word of the week is: Brave</p> <p>What does it mean to be brave? Think about it!</p>	<p>5 READ</p> <p>Kaia and the bees by Maribeth Boelts</p>	<p>6 WRITE</p> <p>Or draw a story about something that scares you. Can you think of a way to overcome your fear?</p>	<p>7 SING</p> <p>A song that makes you feel brave</p>	<p>8 PLAY</p> <p>Imagine something scary is with you. Act out ways you can be brave.</p>	<p>9 TALK</p> <p>About what to do when you're afraid with a grown-up.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bring it all together and do something brave! Touch a bug, try something new, or taste a different food.</p>
<p>11 Word of the week is: Prehistoric</p> <p>Things that happened before written history.</p>	<p>12 READ</p> <p>When dinosaurs came with everything by Elise Broach</p>	<p>13 WRITE</p> <p>Or draw a story about dinosaurs</p>	<p>14 SING</p> <p>Here we go digging for dinosaur bones by Susan Lendroth</p>	<p>15 PLAY</p> <p>With dinosaur toys from the library, home, or school.</p>	<p>16 TALK</p> <p>To a friend or teacher about your favorite prehistoric creature</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bring it all together and do a dinosaur dig in your own backyard or in the sandbox at a park.</p>
<p>18 Word of the week is: Canine</p> <p>Dogs and their relatives are canines.</p>	<p>19 READ</p> <p>This little pup by Laura Bryant</p>	<p>20 WRITE</p> <p>Or draw a story about a dog</p>	<p>21 SING</p> <p>How much is that doggie in the window?</p>	<p>22 PLAY</p> <p>Pretend to be a dog. What sounds will you make? How will you walk around? Do not go too far and eat dog food.</p>	<p>23 TALK</p> <p>To a dog! Dogs are great listeners.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bring it all together and go for a walk, with your dog if you have one. Do you see any dogs in your neighborhood?</p>
<p>25 Word of the week is: Feather</p> <p>Read Feathers by Melissa Stewart</p>	<p>26 READ</p> <p>A house for every bird by Megan Maynor</p>	<p>27 WRITE</p> <p>Dip a feather in paint and draw with it</p>	<p>28 SING</p> <p>"I know a chicken" by Laurie Berkner</p>	<p>29 PLAY</p> <p>Cut feathers out of paper and color them.</p>	<p>30 TALK</p> <p>About the birds you see outside. What kinds are there? What are they doing?</p>	<p>July 1</p> <p>Bring it all together and borrow a birdwatching kit from the library and watch the birds.</p>

JULY 2024 Early Literacy activities you can do at home, school, or the library with young children. Read, write, sing, play, and talk all week long!
Visit <https://www.pinterest.com/elkhornlibrary/activity-calendars/> for more ideas.

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<p>2 Word of the week is Perspire</p> <p>When it's very hot, people perspire or sweat.</p>	<p>3 READ</p> <p>Hot dog by Doug Salati</p>	<p>4 WRITE</p> <p>Practice writing with wet chalk or water outside. Does it dry up in the sun?</p>	<p>5 SING</p> <p>"Mr. Sun" by Raffi</p>	<p>6 PLAY</p> <p>In the sun and in the shade. Can you feel the difference?</p>	<p>7 TALK</p> <p>About temperatures. Do you like hot weather? How do you feel when it's hot outside?</p>	<p>8</p> <p>If it's a sunny day, draw shadow pictures outside at home or at the library.</p>
<p>9 Word of the week is Resilient</p> <p>To keep going even after you fail or hit an obstacle.</p>	<p>10 READ</p> <p>Don't worry little crab by Chris Haughton</p>	<p>11 WRITE</p> <p>Sketch a picture or draft a story. Take a break, then go back and work on it some more!</p>	<p>12 SING</p> <p>Sing along with Pete the Cat and his four groovy buttons by Eric Litwin https://youtu.be/M2YwCgtvnNg</p>	<p>13 PLAY</p> <p>Borrow a board game from the library and learn to play it with a friend or family.</p>	<p>14 TALK</p> <p>About a time you tried again after you failed. What did you do to keep yourself going?</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bring it all together and finish your story, then share it with your friends and family.</p>
<p>16 Word of the week is Vehicle</p> <p>Any kind of transportation.</p>	<p>17 READ</p> <p>McToad Mows by Tom Angleberger</p>	<p>18 WRITE</p> <p>Draw pictures of the vehicles you see every day</p>	<p>19 SING</p> <p>The classic "Wheels on the Bus" with Raffi https://youtu.be/c7kr40Z8zs4</p>	<p>20 PLAY</p> <p>With cars and trucks. Use tape to make roads or a town to drive in.</p>	<p>21 TALK</p> <p>About how different vehicles work. Bonus if you can look under the hood of a vehicle and see the engine!</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Bring it all together and take a trip in a vehicle.</p>
<p>23 Word of the week is Empathy</p> <p>Understanding and sharing others' feelings</p>	<p>24 READ</p> <p>The rabbit listened by Cori Doerrfeld</p>	<p>25 WRITE</p> <p>Write or draw a story about a time you helped a friend feel better</p>	<p>26 SING</p> <p>"I feel better" by Caspar Babypants https://youtu.be/yN6wIkoTynA</p>	<p>27 PLAY</p> <p>together with friends and invite someone new to join you.</p>	<p>28 TALK</p> <p>About a time when a friend was sad. How did you help them feel better?</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Bring it all together and help someone in your family or community.</p>
<p>30 Word of the week is Exuberant</p> <p>"We danced exuberantly all day long."</p>	<p>31 READ</p> <p>Play like an animal by Maria Gianferrari</p>	<p>Summer is a great time to enjoy lots of free play, reading, and interaction with your kids and students. Take walks and talk about what you see, read books and draw pictures of what you learned, make up silly songs and sing and dance together. Enjoy free play time and let kids explore and use their imaginations. Don't forget to visit the library for books, kits, programs, and more!</p>				