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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
<p>Sep 29 Word of the Week is: Map</p> <p>A map is a guide. There are many different kinds of maps.</p>	<p>Sep 30 READ</p> <p>Mapping Sam by Joyce Hesselberth</p>	<p>1 WRITE</p> <p>Draw a map of somewhere familiar; your neighborhood, school, or home.</p>	<p>2 SING</p> <p>“Me on the map” by Brady Rymer from Press Play</p>	<p>3 PLAY</p> <p>Follow the map you drew. Where does it take you?</p>	<p>4 TALK</p> <p>about different kinds of maps. How many can you find at home, school, or the library?</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bring it all together and make a map of your day, using Mapping my day by Julie Dillemoth</p>
<p>6 Word of the Week is: Autumn</p> <p>Autumn is another name for the season of fall.</p>	<p>7 READ</p> <p>A fall ball for all by Jamie Swenson</p>	<p>8 WRITE</p> <p>Draw a picture of your favorite fall thing. Write a story about what you do in the fall.</p>	<p>9 SING</p> <p>“Falling Leaf” with Stephanie Leavell</p>	<p>10 PLAY</p> <p>outside in the leaves.</p>	<p>11 TALK</p> <p>Go on a walk and talk about all the signs of fall that you can see.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bring it all together and have a fall party. Make leaf crafts, put up feeders for the birds, and eat fall foods.</p>
<p>13 Word of the Week is: Insomnia</p> <p>If you can’t sleep, you have insomnia.</p>	<p>14 READ</p> <p>The problem with pajamas by Lauren Stohler</p>	<p>15 WRITE</p> <p>A bedtime story.</p>	<p>16 SING</p> <p>“Pajama Time” by Sandra Boynton from Philadelphia Chickens</p>	<p>17 PLAY</p> <p>Build beds for stuffed animals and toys out of blocks, popsicle sticks, or recyclables.</p>	<p>18 TALK</p> <p>about what you do at bedtime. What do animals do at night? Is it the same or different?</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Have a bedtime party. Wear pajamas, tell bedtime stories, and sing as you watch the stars come out.</p>
<p>20 Word of the Week is: Solitude</p> <p>Solitude means being by yourself.</p>	<p>21 READ</p> <p>Leyla by Galia Bernstein</p>	<p>22 WRITE</p> <p>or draw a list of things you can do by yourself and things you like to do with a friend.</p>	<p>23 SING</p> <p>a song you make up by yourself.</p>	<p>24 PLAY</p> <p>A game by yourself.</p>	<p>25 TALK</p> <p>Tell yourself a story.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Bring it all together and tell a friend or grownup all the things you did by yourself this week.</p>
<p>27 Word of the Week is: Scribble</p> <p>A scribble can be the start of letters, a story, or a picture.</p>	<p>28 READ</p> <p>A squiggly story by Andrew Larson</p>	<p>29 WRITE</p> <p>Check out a book that has a line or track to follow with your finger.</p>	<p>30 SING</p> <p>Alphabet Safari by Blake Hoena (song included in book)</p>	<p>31 PLAY</p> <p>with the magnetic letters at the library.</p>	<p>Nov 1 TALK</p> <p>about the words you see all around you on signs, at the store, and at home.</p>	<p>Nov 2</p> <p>Bring it all together and go on a word hunt! How many words can you find?</p>

Practicing early literacy doesn’t need worksheets, homework, or a lot of time. These basic skills, which help kids learn to read, write, and be successful later on, can be incorporated in everything you do. When you are driving in the car, sing a song together. When you are at the grocery store, read the labels out loud. Encourage free play at preschool and at home.