

April 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is Chelsea District's Library's easy way to engage in early literacy at home! Reading aloud to your baby or young child is the best way to build foundational skills for lifelong reading and learning. Earn prizes and free books just by reading together with your child! Check out this month's book list and literacy tips to get started.



Librarian Reads

Books for National Poetry Month

Daniel Finds a Poem by Micha Archer

Summersaults by Douglas Florian

The Llama Who Had No Pajama
by Mary Ann Hoberman

Pocketful of Posies by Salley Mavor

Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young
selected by Jack Prelutsky

Rain by Cynthia Rylant

Digger, Dozer, Dumper by Hope Vestergaard

Rhyme Time

Kind Hearts are Gardens

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots.
Kind words are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits.
Take care of your garden,
And pluck out the weeds.
Fill it will sunshine,
Kind words, and kind deeds.

Ready to Read

Create a culture of reading at home and get your child ready to read by building the 5 Practices of Early Literacy into your daily routines. It's easy and fun!

READ

April is National Poetry Month! Little listeners love short poems and rhymes. Check out a poetry book from the list above and enjoy a poem every day.

WRITE

Is your child ready for scissors? Scissor skills are an important readiness milestone for kindergarten, and incorporate hand strength, precision, and focus.

SING

Rainy days got you stuck inside? Put on a concert, complete with costumes, and sing your favorite songs.

TALK

Give your child a starting word with lots of rhymes, like "blue" or "cat," and help them find the rhymes. This is also a great game to play while waiting in line or for an appointment.

PLAY

Gather up the boots, jackets, and umbrellas to go puddle stomping after a rain shower.

Daily Fun with Your Little One!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
6 Stories It's Student-Athlete Day. Tell your child a sports story of when you were a younger or ask him to make one up for you.	7 Math Compare objects around the house. Which is larger, heavier, etc.?	8 Science It's Zoo Lovers Day. Take your child to a nearby zoo or park and look at animals together.	9 Play It's Unicorn Day. Spend an hour with your child galloping around like unicorns.	10 Sounds It's Siblings Day. Take turns doing fun impressions of what your child's siblings sound like.	11 Math Ask your child to gather her stuffed animals and other toys and sort them by size.	12 Science It's Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day. Make a grilled cheese with your child and explain how and why the cheese melts.	
13 Reading It's Thomas Jefferson Day. Read a story about the Declaration of Independence.	14 Writing It's Look Up at the Sky Day. Ask your child to draw a sky full of clouds in different shapes and sizes.	15 Play Get out your child's favorite game and make up new rules together.	16 Math It's Bean Counter Day. Set out a pile of beans and count them with your child.	17 Stories Look through an old family photo album and take turns telling stories about the pictures.	18 Rhymes It's Exercise Day. Ask your child to name as many words as she can think of that rhyme with "run."	19 Songs It's Hanging Out Day. Make up a song with your child about kicking back and relaxing.	
20 Writing It's Volunteer Recognition Day. Ask your child to draw a picture of your whole family volunteering to help someone in need.	21 Reading Read books by Lois Ehlert or Eric Carle and then make your own cut-paper art.	22 Play It's Jelly Bean Day. Take turns trying to throw jelly beans into a cup.	23 Sounds It's Talk Like Shakespeare Day. Spend the day using fun words like "thou."	24 Writing Cut out each letter of your child's name and have him put the letters in order.	25 Reading It's Telephone Day. Bring up different words on your phone and ask your child to read them.	26 Stories Take turns telling stories about animals in the spring. Where do they live? What do they eat? Are they happy winter is over?	
27 Math It's Gummi Bear Day. Put out a handful of gummi bears and count them one by one with your child as you eat them.	28 Science Bake cupcakes with your child and talk about what happens to the batter as it bakes in the oven.	29 Writing Have your child practice writing her name, making each letter a different color.	30 Play It's Raisin Day. Pull out a box of raisins and ask your child to put together a little skit with each raisin playing a different character.	<p>Help your child get ready to learn to read!</p> <p>Each day features a fun activity that will help your child build pre-reading skills. Activities are color-coded by skill. Ask your children's librarian for more ideas on how to promote early literacy skills with daily activities at home.</p>			<p>© Demco, Inc.</p>

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