

June 2026 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

Celebrate our Summer Reading theme, *Unearth a Story!*

Oh My, Oh My, Oh Dinosaurs!
by Sandra Boynton

Penny & Pip by Candace Fleming

Tea Rex by Molly Idle

Mamasaurus by Stephan Lomp

Groovy Joe: Ice Cream and Dinosaurs
by Eric Litwin

Dinosaur vs. Mommy by Bob Shea

How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?
by Jane Yolen

Rhyme Time

Dinosaur, Dinosaur, Turn Around

Dinosaur, dinosaur, turn around!
Dinosaur, dinosaur, stomp the ground!
Dinosaur, dinosaur, make some claws!
Dinosaur, dinosaur, ROARS!
Dinosaur, dinosaur, big and tall!
Dinosaur, dinosaur, scary and small!
Dinosaur, dinosaur, shake the ground!
Dinosaur, dinosaur, sit back down!

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

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program and earn reading prizes all summer long! Find the Listener challenge in Beanstack. Log once for both programs!

WRITE

Try lots of different tools for painting. Does a flower make a good paint brush? How about a fork, a leafy twig, or a crumpled piece of foil?

SING

Make a road trip playlist with a mix of your child's favorite songs and some of your own from childhood!

TALK

Clap or tap out the syllables in your child's name and your own name. How about the names of a grandparent, friend, pet or favorite dinosaur?

PLAY

Make a chalk obstacle course! Ask your child for ideas. Here's some to start: pop the bubbles; balance walk on a curvy vine; spin in the center of a flower; walk in a circle around the sun.

Daily Fun with Your Little One!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
7 Writing Use crayons to draw wavy lines, zigzags, and dots.	1 Stories It's Say Something Nice Day. Tell your child one nice thing about them, then ask them to tell a story about a kind friend.	2 Rhymes Draw pictures of rhyming things on cards and ask your child to pair them up (cat/bat, bug/hug).	3 Play Build a tiny fort with pillows or blankets and read or talk inside it.	4 Math Count the forks or spoons as you set the table together.	5 Songs Sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" slowly, then quickly.	6 Play It's Yo-Yo Day. Roll a ball back and forth like a yo-yo or show your child some yo-yo tricks.	
8 Play It's Best Friends Day. Have your child play a simple turn-taking game with a favorite toy or friend.	9 Stories Pause partway through a picture book and ask, "What do you think happens next?"	10 Science Go outside and look for bugs. Count how many you can spot.	11 Math Line up multiple toys from shortest to tallest.	12 Play Hide a toy and give simple clues to help your child find it.	13 Stories Look up in the sky and at the different clouds. Ask your child to tell you about each one.		
14 Writing It's Flag Day. Draw stripes and stars on a paper flag.	15 Play Pretend you are at the beach and pack an imaginary beach bag.	16 Math Count how many shoes are by the door.	17 Math Put some of your used crayons on the table and ask your child to arrange them in order of length.	18 Play It's International Picnic Day. Eat a snack outside or on a blanket indoors.	19 Songs It's Juneteenth. Sing a favorite song together and talk about celebrating freedom and joy.	20 Science It's the first day of summer tomorrow. Go outside and feel the sunshine. Talk about what summer feels like.	
21 Stories It's Father's Day. Ask your child to tell a story about a fun day with Dad, Grandpa, or another loved one.	22 Play Build a tower with blocks and see how tall it can get.	23 Songs Sing "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" with hand motions.	24 Writing Have your child draw a summer scene, including wavy lines like water and a circle with rays for the sun.	25 Songs Sing "The Wheels on the Bus" and let your child choose the motions.	26 Math Count how many books are in a small stack.	27 Stories At bedtime, make up a one-minute story about a sleepy bear.	
28 Rhymes Take turns thinking of words that rhyme with "sun."	29 Science Put ice in a bowl and watch it melt in the summer air. Talk about why it melts.	30 Play Hide a toy under a cup and mix the cups around. Ask your child to find the toy.	<p>Help your child get ready to learn to read! 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>				



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