


DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1</p> <p>Seeing you writing, your child will want to write too! Collect scrap paper, markers, pencils, crayons in a fun box. Encourage him to draw & "write" TODAY.</p>
2	<p>3</p> <p>Promote your child as an artist and writer! Help her select markers, pens & paper to put into a ziplock bag that goes in her bookbag - for her to use anywhere!</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>Help your child learn that written words, like spoken words, connect people. SAY: Let's write a note to ___ today. You tell me what to write and sign YOUR name!</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>Every new word your child hears from you prepares him for success in reading & life. TALK w him many times today. Your talk is rich in words new to him!</p>	8
<p>9</p> <p>Today, PROMPT your child to "read" by linking spoken & written words. DRAW a hat. WRITE & SAY "hat." Then SAY, "I bet you can read this word to me!"</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>You add to your child's vocabulary as together you OBSERVE the world around you. LOOK out a car window. Take turns DESCRIBING what you see.</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>Books contain words your child doesn't hear every day. WRITE "library" on note, tape to car dash. ASK child to read the word while on way 2 your library!</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p>To ease your child into K, HELP him learn 5 shapes- circle, square, triangle, rectangle, heart. Today, ASK him to pick 2. FIND them in book or your house!</p>
16	<p>17</p> <p>Your child's entry to K will be easier if you point out colors & color words every day. Today, FIND in closets & drawers: red, blue, green & yellow.</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>WATCH your child put together pieces of past learning to make more learning. DRAW & LABEL 5 shapes. POINT to shape names as your child reads them.</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>4-5 yr olds need 10-11 hours sleep each night for learning ability & emotional stability tomorrow. Tonight, CHECK your child's # of sleep hours.</p>	22
<p>23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30</p>	<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">31</p>	<p>25</p> <p>When you & your child play w word sounds, he is learning to read! SAY sounds of these letters - f, h, k - in this blank: ___it. Example: f-it, fit.</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p>Word families=fun way 4 your child to add new words to his word "bank." INTRODUCE the "an" family. SAY these letter sounds - c, p, t, v - before "an".</p>	28	<p>29</p> <p>MAKE your child your special conversation partner. Today, TALK about Montana and Hawaii. NAME 3 ways they are alike & 3 ways they are different.</p>

Grab an early literacy calendar and help your child get



These tips are from the Montana State Library's Ready 2 Read Texting program and are fun, easy activities for you to do with your 4-year-old. These tips can also be changed for older or younger kids!

For more tips, you can sign up for the texting program for FREE by sending "SIGNUP" to 406.204.3583! You'll receive three tips a week to your phone for eight months!