MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ready	2 Read				Today, SAY and WRITE your town's name. SAY: "Let's pretend we rule this town. What would we change? What would we keep the same?	2
3 WRITE numbers 1-5 & number words one-five on separate scraps of paper. SCRAMBLE the 10 papers. Together, MATCH number w word. Mixing & matching fun!	4	Connecting new learning w what your child already knows = a recipe for more learning. LISTEN together for 2 words that begin w t sound as you COUNT 1-10.	6	ASK your child to choose 3 fav letters from L-Z. Then HELP him find 2 words beginning w each chosen letter. SAY: "In all, how many words did you find?"	8	9 Using raisins or Cheerios on table, u + your child "WRITE" her initials. Under her initials, WRITE yours. NAME the letters. SAY: "Any letters the same?"
10	DISCOVER your child's interests. Today, THINK of 1 interest+how to strengthen/enlarge it. Being interested in a subject leads to joy in learning & life!	12	4-year-olds love silly rhyming poems. TODAY, learn to say 1 together. Find it at your library or thru web search for "silly rhyming poems for preschoolers."	14	YOU can help your child become a good reader! Where to begin? Talk to your child - a lot, everyday. TODAY, tell your child one of your dreams for the future.	16
17 Talking with your child throughout the day builds your child's language and communication skills. At bedtime, ASK: What was the best part of today? Why?	18	Expand your child's vocabulary: Repeat something your child says, then add more words to DESCRIBE or EXPLAIN. Your child can learn new words from you today!	20	21 Storytelling builds your child's skill with words. TODAY, tell a short family story. SAY: Can you tell that story back to me? It's my turn to listen.	22	Say: I WONDER WHY seemed happy today. Wait for your child to respond, then listen closely. Doing this, you make your child a good thinker and communicator.
24 31	TODAY: Point to a printed word as you read it aloud. This helps your child connect the printed word with the spoken word - a big step in preparing to read!	26	When your child hears rhymes, he gets language skills + fun! TODAY: Sing some silly song together. Need ideas? Search the web for "silly songs for kids."	28	Your child's ability to hear beginning sounds in words is an important milestone. Say SLOWLY: Sing some silly song. ASK: What beginning sound do we hear?	30

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!