
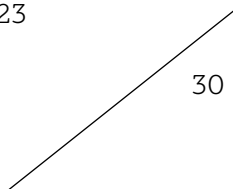


# SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
2	3 Talk to your child - a lot, everyday. TODAY, tell your child one of your dreams for the future.	4	5 Your conversations with your child help your child learn. Conversations = taking turns talking and listening. TODAY, "converse" about your plans for the week.	6	7 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.	8
9 In the car, let your child "read" a picture from a favorite book. SAY: Tell me what you see. Then listen closely.	10	11 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."	12	13 When your child hears the initial sound in a word, she builds important K skills. Tonight at bath, SAY slowly: soap suds. Did he hear the sound /s/?	14	15 Blending sounds to make words is important to reading success! SAY: What words do you hear when I say p - ig? b - ig? d - ig? f - ig? z - ig?
16	17 Use rhymes and start sounds to help build reading skills & fun! SAY: I can make a rhyme, any old _____. D-ing, d-ong, d-ell, Wil-mer's in the _____.	18	19 Noticing print everywhere & seeing that it has meaning motivates your child to learn letters and words. Read his "to-do" list with him several times today.	20	21 Show your child that words are everywhere & reading has meaning. TONIGHT, read your own book while your child "reads" his. Then enjoy a fav book together.	22
23  30	24	25 Understanding how books work is important to your child's future. TODAY, teach her to gently turn pages, and show that words and pictures tell the same story.	26	27 After reading, SAY: I wonder about . . . - something in the book. Listen, then comment, then listen again. Turn-taking is a very valuable communication skill.	28	29 Learning letter names now predicts a good reader later. Write alphabet on paper. SAY: Choose a letter. Then name & copy it on a card for him to carry in pocket.

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!

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