

Introduce numbers and counting.

APRIL



Teach your child about numbers as you do things together.

- Read recipes together and set the table while counting forks and spoons.
- Count fruits, vegetables and canned goods while grocery shopping.
- Find ways to count as you play games such as, “try to stack five blocks.”
- Start a piggy bank and have your child count and add pennies to the bank each day.
- Read stories like “Goldilocks and the Three Bears.”
- Sing nursery rhymes such as “One, Two, Buckle My Shoe” or “Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed.”

SUNDAY

Palm Sunday

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MONDAY

Memory Game:
Play a memory game matching rhyming objects, like cat and hat.

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TUESDAY

Practice:
Counting and stacking coins or blocks.

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

Library Day
Ask a librarian to recommend new children’s music.

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FRIDAY

Good Friday
Practice:
Help your child write his/her name.

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SATURDAY

Passover Begins

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Easter Sunday

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National Library Week

Practice:
Help your child write his/her name and count how many letters are in it.

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Read to Me:
Read Mother Goose Rhymes and have your child complete the rhymes.

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Poems and Songs:
Sing songs about flowers and spring, like *Ring Around the Rosie*.

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Thomas Edison’s Birthday

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What . . .
Rhymes with the word bunny?

Be with Me:
Go TV-free and garden, take a walk or visit the zoo.

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Get Moving: 15

Crank up favorite songs of yours and your child's and get dancing.

Patriot's Day 16

Celebrate the American Revolution and wear red, white and blue.

Talk with Me: 17

Name farm animals . . . what sounds do they make?

Be with Me: 18

Take a walk and talk about the different sounds you hear.

Library Day 19**Talk to Me: 20**

Ask your child to repeat nursery rhymes while you run errands.

Kindergarten Day 21

Celebrated on Friedrich Froebel's birthday who founded the first kindergarten in 1837.

Earth Day 22

Count how many shoes are in your house.

Number Time: 23

Drop coins into a cup and count by listening . . . how many do you hear drop?

Poems and Songs: 24

Sing songs with rhyming sounds.

Playime: 25

Take a brush and water and "paint" pictures on the sidewalk.

Snack Time: 26

Mix different cereals together and have your child count how many types are in the snack mix.

Arbor Day 27

Talk with Me: Ask your child to tell you about the story they read at school today.

Letter Time: 28

Find things that begin with the letter 'F.'

Practice: 29

Have your child set the table while counting the silverware and plates.

Arbor Day 30

To Do Together: Plant a tree or flowers and water them.

Great Books for April:

Barn Cat: A Counting Book – Carol P. Saul
Can't Sleep Without Sheep – Susanna Leonard
Here Comes T. Rex Cottontail – Lois G. Grambling
How Many Cats? – Lauren Thompson
No Small Change – John Luksetich
Sort It Out! – Barbara Mariconda
Ten Hats: A Counting Book – Carolyn Mott Ford
We All Went on Safari: A Counting Journey Through Tanzania – Laurie Krebs & Julia Cairns

April is National Mathematics Month!**How your social butterflies can get their wings:**

- As children get older, they begin to think of their playmates as friends and learn that small kindnesses - like sharing and giving - are part of friendship. Teach your child how to share and give.
- Many children create imaginary playmates which is a natural part of development. They provide friendship and comfort to your child.
- Most imaginary friends disappear before a child turns 6.
- Join a parent-child playgroup where you can both make new friends and learn great tips from other parents.