

April 2010

Enjoy the sounds of language with your child.

Use rhymes to learn patterns and sounds.

- Read Mother Goose rhymes together and have your child repeat the rhymes.
- Create poems and songs together and encourage your child to complete the rhymes.
- Make flash cards with pairs (hat/cat, spoon/moon) and have your child match the cards that rhyme.
- Have your child practice sounding out the names of objects.
- Ask your child to name the letter that matches the beginning sound of a word such as 'b' is for 'ball.'
- Practice the sounds that letters make and have your child find pictures or objects that sound the same.



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 Library Day



Ask a librarian to recommend new children's music.

2 Good Friday



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

APRIL 4-10 IS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

4 Easter Sunday

Be with Me:

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



5 What . . . ?

Rhymes with the word bunny.

6 Practice:

Help your child write his/her name.

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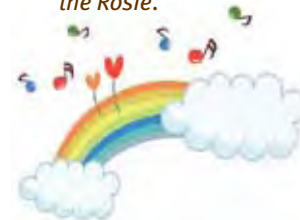
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9 Read to Me:

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

10 Poems and Songs:

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



11 Letter Time:
Find things that begin with the letter 'S.'



12 Poems and Songs:
Sing songs with rhyming sounds.

13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

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15 Library Day



16 What . . . ?
Rhymes with the word clown.

17 Talk to Me:
Ask your child to repeat nursery rhymes while you run errands.



18 Yellow Week:
Look for things that are yellow this week.



19 Patriot's Day
Celebrate the American Revolution -wear red, white and blue.

20 What . . . ?
Rhymes with the word tree.



21 Kindergarten Day
Celebrated on Friedrich Froebel's birthday. He founded the first kindergarten in Germany in 1837

22 Earth Day
Work in the yard together.



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24 Poems and Songs:
Sing nursery rhymes like, "One, two, buckle my shoe . . ."

25 Get Moving:
Crank up favorite songs of yours and your child's and get dancing.



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27 What . . . ?
Rhymes with the word ball.



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29 Library Day



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



Great Books for April:

Curious George Visits the Library by H.A. and Margaret Rey
Kindergarten Rocks by Katie Davis
Countdown to Kindergarten by Alison McGhee
Where Does the Butterfly Go When It Rains by May Garelick
Counting in the Garden by Kim Parker
How a Seed Grows by Helene J. Jordan
A Tree for all Seasons by Scholastic Books



April is National Garden Month!