



## Family Engagement Calendar: Building Early Literacy at Home (July–September)

Looking for fun, simple ways to support your child's early literacy development at home? This 3-month activity calendar is filled with engaging, age-appropriate ideas for children from birth to age 5, designed with busy families in mind!

Each month focuses on a playful theme to help children build vocabulary, comprehension, and a lifelong love for reading. Activities are easy to incorporate into your everyday routines, like bath time, playtime, or bedtime.

- July: Summer Stories & Songs – Boost language through music, rhymes, and repetition.
- August: Alphabet Adventures – Explore letters, sounds, and name recognition with creative play.
- September: Story Time All the Time – Make meaningful connections between books and real-life experiences.

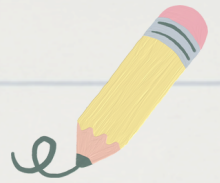
Whether you have an infant, toddler, or preschooler, you'll find simple ideas to spark learning and laughter and make literacy a joyful part of your day.

Let's make reading and learning part of your family's daily rhythm; one story, song, and giggle at a time!

*"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."*  
– Emilie Buchwald



# July Planner



## Week 1: Read & Sing

Read a favorite nursery rhyme or board book daily.

Sing songs with actions (e.g., The Itsy Bitsy Spider, Wheels on the Bus).

Babies: Practice eye contact and soft singing during tummy time.

## Week 2: Rhyme Time

Play rhyming games: "What rhymes with cat?"

Toddlers: Match pictures of rhyming words.

Preschoolers: Create a silly rhyme book with made-up words.

## Week 3: Repetition Matters

Re-read a favorite book each night.

Act out the story with stuffed animals or puppets.

## Week 4: Story in a Bag

Choose books based on songs (Five Little Ducks, Old MacDonald).

Create simple instruments (shakers, drums) to use while reading.



# August Planner



## Week 1: Alphabet Adventures

Point out letters in your child's name around the house.  
Trace names in sand, shaving cream, or with finger paint.

## Week 2: Letter of the Week

Pick a new letter each week to explore (e.g., "B" week: books, bananas).  
Go on a "letter hunt" in books or around the house.

## Week 3: ABC Books & Songs

Read alphabet books together (e.g., Chicka Chicka Boom Boom).  
Sing the ABC song in silly voices: fast, slow, whispery.

## Week 4: Letters in Nature

Collect leaves or rocks and make letter shapes.  
Write letters with chalk or use water and a brush outdoors.



# September Planner



## Week 1: Reading Routine

Create a special reading space at home.  
Choose a regular reading time (after breakfast or before bed).

## Week 2: Book Exploration

Let toddlers and preschoolers “read” to you by describing pictures.  
Visit a local library and get a library card together.

## Week 3: Book to Life

Choose a book and do a related activity (e.g., read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and try the fruits from the story).  
Act out a favorite story with costumes or toys.

## Week 4: Make your own Book

Help your child make a simple book using photos, drawings, or stickers.  
Encourage them to “tell” the story even if they’re not writing yet.

