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April 2014

EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		<p>1 Read <u><i>A Tree is Nice</i></u> by Janice May Udry</p>	<p>2 Talk About the branches, leaves, and texture of a tree.</p>	<p>3 Write Draw a picture of a tree in spring.</p>	<p>4 Play I Spy nature's treasure - look for flowers, butterflies, etc.</p>	<p>5 Sing <u>"And the Green Grass Grew All Around"</u></p>
<p>6 Read <u><i>Grow! Babies!</i></u> By Penny Gentieu</p>	<p>7 Talk To your child about the day they were born.</p>	<p>8 Write Make a simple family tree.</p>	<p>9 Play Roll, bounce, and throw a ball around with your child.</p>	<p>10 Sing <u>"Five Little Ducks"</u></p>	<p>11 Read <u><i>The Carrot Seed</i></u> by Ruth Krauss</p>	<p>12 Talk About the shape, texture, and taste of carrots.</p>
<p>13 Write Use your finger to draw imaginary shapes; ask your child to imitate you.</p>	<p>14 Play Take a trip to the playground.</p>	<p>15 Sing <u>"Rain, Rain Go Away"</u></p>	<p>16 Read <u><i>Planting a Rainbow</i></u> by Lois Ehlert</p>	<p>17 Talk Listen to an audiobook for children.</p>	<p>18 Write Design and plan a garden.</p>	<p>19 Play Hide and Seek outside.</p>
<p>20 Sing <u>"The Rainbow Connection"</u></p>	<p>21 Read A few poems from <u><i>A Stick Is an Excellent Thing</i></u> by Marilyn Singer</p>	<p>22 Talk About games you play outside and games you play inside.</p>	<p>23 Write A silly poem with your child.</p>	<p>24 Play Use sticks to make a sculpture.</p>	<p>25 Sing <u>"Jack and Jill"</u></p>	<p>26 Read <u><i>Over in the Meadow</i></u> by Ezra Jack Keats</p>
<p>27 Talk About rhyming and make up some funny rhymes.</p>	<p>28 Write Give your child sidewalk chalk and let them create.</p>	<p>29 Play Pretend you are an animal that lives in the meadow.</p>	<p>30 Sing <u>"Humpty Dumpty"</u></p>			



- Check out kid-friendly author events at 2014 [Philadelphia Book Festival!](#)
- Stop by for [storytime](#) at your local neighborhood library.
- Celebrate these [Children's Author and Illustrator Birthdays](#) in April.
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