


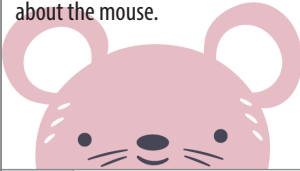






April: Reading

National Poetry Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Point out the name of the author and illustrator of a book. Talk about what each person does.</p>	<p>Mother Goose Time Hey diddle diddle The cat and the fiddle, The cow jumped over the moon; The little dog laughed To see such sport, And the dish ran away with the spoon</p>	<p>Can you work on writing a story together? You can add to it every day this month.</p>	<p>Use a cookbook to make a new, healthy dish. Read the recipe and talk about the ingredients.</p>	<p>What is April Fool's Day? Tell a story about someone who plays a trick or joke.</p>	<p>Practice singing the ABCs. Talk about letters and words.</p> 	<p>Visit Your Library! Celebrate National Library Week by checking out some books. If possible, get LMNO Peas, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, and Rocket Writes a Story.</p>
<p>Go for a walk and look for objects that look like letters.</p> 	<p>Read two books to your child before bed. Ask your child about favorite parts of each one.</p>	<p>Have your child draw a picture of their favorite character from a book.</p>	<p>Find a newspaper or any item with print. See how many words your child can pick out.</p>	<p>Mother Goose Time All around the mulberry bush The monkey chased the weasel The monkey stopped to pull up his socks Pop! Goes the weasel.</p>	<p>Help your child make and decorate a bookmark.</p> 	<p>Spend time reading together outside.</p>
<p>Learn a new song or rhyme.</p> 	<p>Walk through your house or outside. See if you can find items with the first letter of your child's name.</p>	<p>Have your child draw a mouse and give it a name. Create a story about the mouse.</p> 	<p>Write out each letter of the alphabet. Cut them out in squares and take them around the house. Call out a letter for your child to find until they are all gone!</p>	<p>Mother Goose Time Down by the station, early in the morning / See the shiny train cars All in a row. Waitin' to get hitched up and go on their adventure Chug, chug Toot, toot Off they go!</p>	<p>Encourage your child to write or tell you a story. If they tell it to you, write it down so you can share it with family and friends. If you have a copy, read Rocket Writes a Story.</p>	<p>Put on some music and dance. Try listening to different types of music and see how your dancing changes.</p> 
<p>Sit down as a family and read a story.</p>	<p>Ask your child to tell you a story. When they finish, ask questions. This is how children learn how to tell complete stories and know you are interested in what they have to say.</p>	<p>Find a book with few words (try author Donald Crews). You tell one version of a story and let your child tell another.</p>	<p>Draw a large outline of your child's name. Have them trace and color each letter.</p> 	<p>Mother Goose Time Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall. Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. All the king's horses, and all the king's men, couldn't put Humpty together again.</p>	<p>Create a rhyming poem together</p>	<p>Look at the pictures in a book and guess what happens. Then read the story together to see if you were right.</p>
<p>Go outside and look up at the clouds. Can you find any that look like letters?</p>	<p>Read a story and then act it out using puppets, dolls, or stuffed animals.</p> 	<p>Label items in your house. Practice saying the words together.</p>	<p>Celebrate Earth Day Wear something green. Talk about the things you will do to be more earth friendly today.</p> 	<p>Find some pictures from a magazine or pamphlet. Lay them out in a row and tell a story about them.</p>	<p>Turn Off the TV Spend some extra time reading today.</p>	<p>Celebrate Celebrate "Day of the Child/Day of the Book" - Visit your library if they are having a special program.</p>