



Get Ready to Read

with Medina County District Library

Sorting Games

A skill to get your child ready for kindergarten includes being able to sort items. Preschoolers learn to sort one trait at a time. Some of the ways to sort items include by color, size, and shape. Kids love to sort, so try some of these fun activities:

Fill a bucket with a mixture of items - Use items like plastic alphabet letters, play food, crayons, and blocks. Then, make a game out of finding items by:

- Color - Put all the red blocks in the bucket.
- Size - Find all the biggest blocks first.
- Shape - Which ones are shaped like a square?
- Name - What are the blue ones named?

Spoons - Plastic spoons come in a variety of colors. Offer a utensil holder or a small cup for sorting each spoon color. This game is good for building fine motor skills and for eye-hand coordination too.

Stickers - Make a simple book by putting a sticker of a different color or shape on each page. Ask your child to stick their stickers onto the page that matches.

Skittles - Sort a bag of Skittles by separating each color into a different cup.

Song

A Helper I Will Be

(To the tune of *The Farmer in the Dell*)

A helper I will be.
A helper I will be.
I'll pick up the toys and put them away.
A helper I will be.

(Note: Personalize by substituting your child's name for I and specific toys in place of toys.)

Books to Read

Wee Unicorn by Meg McLaren

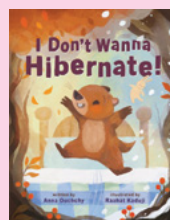
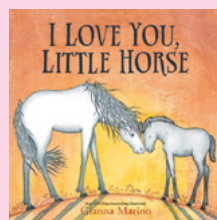
Smelly Peggy by Helen Stephens

I Love You, Little Horse by Gianna Marino

I Don't Wanna Hibernate! by Anna Ouchchy

Mixed Feelings by Liana Finck

Seven Little Ducklings by Annette LeBlanc Cate





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Fun activities to promote literacy and learning

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>FREE at mcdl.info/eMedia</p> <p>eBooks • Audiobooks • Magazines Music • TV • Movies</p> <p> Libby.  hoopla  kanopy</p> 						<p>1 Practice writing your name.</p>
<p>2 Groundhog Day! Do you hope the groundhog sees his shadow? Why or why not?</p>	<p>3 Go on a scavenger hunt for things that begin with the F sound: foot, fruit, face.</p>	<p>4 Sing the song <i>A Helper I Will Be</i> (words on the other side).</p>	<p>5 Visit the library and check out a book with something red on the front cover.</p>	<p>6 Use a puppet or stuffed animal to act out your favorite story.</p>	<p>7 Draw a heart. Cut it out with scissors.</p>	<p>8 Count the number of steps to your kitchen, car, and classroom.</p>
<p>9 Take a winter walk and talk about the birds you see.</p>	<p>10 Read a book about love or friendship.</p>	<p>11 Draw a picture for someone you love.</p>	<p>12 How many words can you think of that rhyme with heart?</p>	<p>13 Use a red crayon to keep track of all the red things you see: door, car, shirt.</p>	<p>14 Happy Valentine's Day! Tell someone you love them.</p>	<p>15 Sort candy hearts in piles by their color.</p>
<p>16 Have a dance party with new children's music on hoopla (see above).</p>	<p>17 Random Acts of Kindness Day. Make a card for someone special.</p>	<p>18 Pretend you are a bear. What would you sound like? How would you move?</p>	<p>19 Count your fingers and toes.</p>	<p>20 Draw a picture of your favorite stuffed animal.</p>	<p>21 Roll out playdough and cut shapes out with cookie cutters.</p>	<p>22 Tell your family some jokes.</p>
<p>23 Make a fort using sheets and your couch. Read stories in it.</p>	<p>24 Talk about your favorite color and why you like it.</p>	<p>25 Make a chart of your family's favorite things: color, food, ice cream.</p>	<p>26 Look for the letters in your name on signs on your way to school.</p>	<p>27 Use beads, blocks or other items to make a pattern.</p>	<p>28 What do you need to build a snowman?</p>	

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