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Play With Patterns

Children often sort items by color or shape. Once they master sorting, try introducing patterns. Playing with patterns helps children to make predictions and use reasoning to solve problems.

Explore patterns by using common items like blocks. Create a simple AB pattern like red, blue, red, blue. Point to each block, say its color, and ask your child what comes next. If they hesitate, add the next block and say its color. Keep the game interesting by switching it up with new items like car/truck, blueberry/strawberry, or stone/stick. Extend the play by having them copy a pattern, correct a mistake in a pattern, or create their own pattern.

Song

Old MacDonald

Old MacDonald had a farm, e, i, e, i, o.
And on his farm he had a cow, e, i, e, i, o.
With a “moo, moo” here, and a “moo, moo” there
Here a “moo”, there a “moo”
Everywhere a “moo, moo.”
Old MacDonald had a farm, e, i, e, i, o.



Books to Read

How to Catch a Garden Fairy: A Springtime Adventure
by Alice Walstead

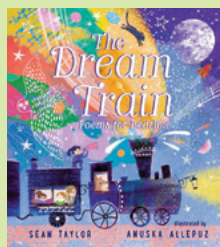
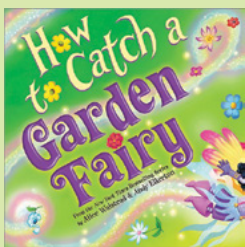
Don't Touch That Flower! by Alice Hemming & Nicola Slater

The Dream Train: Poems for Bedtime by Sean Taylor

I Want to Be Big! by Tiffany Golden

Rain by Cynthia Rylant

Woo Hoo! You're Doing Great! by Sandra Boynton





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Fun activities to promote literacy and learning

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Learn to Ride a Bike Day. Get outside and try out your wheels.	2 Make a list of words that rhyme with May.	3 May is the fifth month. Clap and jump five times.	4 What is heavier, a grape or an orange? Your coat or your mom's coat?	5 Pretend you are a caterpillar, a butterfly, a bug, and a bird. How do you move?	6 Sing <i>Old MacDonald</i> (words on other side).
7 Make a pattern using fruit snacks or cereal.	8 Take your socks off and count your toes!	9 Go outside and look for bugs.	10 Count how many birds and bunnies are in your yard.	11 Make a Book Day. Fold or staple paper and make your own book.	12 Talk about the days of the week and your plans for the weekend.	13 Go to the library and choose a nonfiction book to read.
14 Make a card for someone you love. Sign your name.	15 Name the types of dishes and silverware as you put them away together.	16 Draw a story on 4-5 pieces of paper. Put the papers in order to tell the story.	17 Read a book about flowers and planting.	18 Paint rocks with water.	19 Sing your favorite song. Sing it fast, slow, loud, and quiet.	20 Take a dog, (real or stuffed) for a walk around the block.
21 Write a list of fun things to do together. Pick one to do today.	22 Go on a scavenger hunt. Find an item for each color of the rainbow.	23 World Turtle Day. Read or listen to a book about turtles on hoopa.	24 Spread shaving cream on the table and practice writing letters.	25 Take turns hiding objects and use "hot or cold" to find them.	26 Sing <i>Old MacDonald</i> and make silly animal noises.	27 Help with the laundry. How many different colored shirts are there?
28 Set up a bubble bath car wash. Wash all your toy cars.	29 Plant a garden. What seeds did you plant?	30 Tell a story using only pictures in a book.	31 Make a collage of nature items you collect on a walk.	FREE at mcdl.info/eMedia eBooks • Audiobooks • Magazines Music • TV • Movies  Libby.  hoopla  kanopy		

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