Baby Bookworm Activities

150 YEARS OF STORIES
Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program for Wichita's youngest readers lets you explore the five early literacy practices that create young readers. Complete 15 of the activities to redeem special prizes.

Name ____________________________________________

SING
- Sing “The Itsy Bitsy Spider” and use hand motions to match the lyrics.
- Play some fun children’s music and have a family dance party.
- Make up a song about something you do often, like picking up toys.
- Sing “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” and clap along with the rhythm.
- Check out a children’s music CD from the Library, stream a song or view a fun kid’s music video on YouTube and sing your favorite songs.

TALK
- Talk about the different parts of a book (cover, spine, author, illustrator, pages) the next time you read a book.
- Visit a Wichita museum or view a virtual tour online and talk about the exhibits you see.
- Visit Riverside Park or view the Sedgwick County Zoo’s live animal webcams and practice different animal sounds.
- Share your favorite childhood memory with your child.
- Bake cookies and discuss each step of the recipe.

READ
- Attend a Library storytime or watch a famous author’s live storytime or book reading online.
- Read a book about your favorite animal.
- Read a wordless picture book, telling the story with the pictures.
- Read a rhyming book.
- When reading a book with a repeated phrase, follow the words with your finger each time they occur.

WRITE
- Paint a fence or driveway with old paintbrushes and water.
- Use shaving cream or pudding on a baking sheet to draw shapes.
- Get a box of crayons and draw a picture.
- Draw the Wichita flag and talk about the colors used.
- Talk to your child about what you are doing when you make a grocery list so they understand print has a meaning.

PLAY
- Make a puzzle for your child to complete by cutting the front of a box of their favorite cereal or snack into 5-10 pieces.
- Look up fun fingerplays and do one with your child.
- Visit a park and go on a sensory walk.
- Play peek-a-boo or hide-and-seek.
- Enjoy water play with a big bowl or tub of water and measuring cups and spoons.

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