















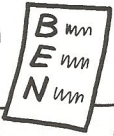





Note to Parents: Fill in the month and dates, and post this calendar on your refrigerator. Then, encourage your child to do an activity a day.

Reading & Writing Calendar

MONTH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Attend a story hour at a library or bookstore. When you get home, hold your own story time with an audience of stuffed animals.	Write down five words that should be capitalized (teacher's name, your city and state). Then, write five that start with lower-case letters.	On separate pieces of construction paper, write a word or sentence about yourself. Illustrate the pages, and staple together. It's an autobiography! 	Start a reading log. Cut circles from construction paper, and write the title of each book you finish. Display them on your door to make a "bookworm." 
Draw a picture of your favorite storybook dog (Clifford, Spot, Biscuit). Underneath, write a title for a new book about him. 	Ask a parent to give you a handful of coins or a dollar bill. Identify as many letters and words as you can. 	Pack a bag of books, and read outdoors with a grown-up. You might sit on a park bench or on a blanket in your yard. 	At the grocery store, see how many items you can find that begin with the first letter in your name. At home, write down the ones you remember.	 Make household signs. Cut shapes of road signs from construction paper, and add messages like "Quiet! Children reading."	Dip cotton swabs in paint. Write the name of each color using that color paint. Example: Use purple paint to write "purple." 	Play tic-tac-toe with consonant blends. Each player chooses a blend (tr, br). Take turns writing a word with your blend (train, bread) in a square. Three in a row wins.
Ask a parent to help you write down the words to your favorite song. Read the lyrics as you sing together. 	Write instructions for something you know how to do (set the table). Use the instructions to teach someone else.	Start a list of state license plates in the car. Each time you see a tag from a different state, add that state's name to your list. 	Read a book. Then, tell someone about the main characters, the setting, and the plot. 	Make your own stationery. Decorate the border of a piece of paper with stamps, stickers, or drawings. Use it to write a letter to a friend or relative.	Ask an adult to help you read something from the newspaper. Try a photo caption or a weather forecast. 	Look at an object for 30 seconds (vase, toy car). Put it away, and write down everything you remember about it. Compare your list to the actual item. 
Take turns reading lines of a poem aloud. Get poetry books at the library, or search online for "children's poetry." 	Before an outing, write down 10 things you hope to see. For a zoo trip, you might list different animals. Check them off as you find them. 	Divide a sheet of paper into two columns. In one column, list words that end with -ing. In the other, list words ending in -ed.	Using old magazines, cut out one picture that starts with each letter of the alphabet. Glue the pictures on paper in ABC order.	Read a book. On three index cards, write and draw what happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story.	Spell the name of a friend or pet vertically on a sheet of paper. Add one word or phrase that starts with each letter and describes the person or pet. 	Ask a parent to write down five words. Have her time you to see how quickly you can look up all the words in the dictionary. 
Make a "wish list." You might list books you'd like to read, places you want to visit, or foods you plan to try. 	With an adult's help, send an email to a friend or relative. Include questions for the person to answer—then read the person's reply. 	Use a marker to write each letter of the alphabet on dried lima beans. Make two extra sets of vowels (a, e, i, o, u). Grab a handful of beans, and make as many words as possible.	