

August

CCIRA Family Literacy Activity Calendar PRIMARY GRADES K-2

These activities can be used to encourage students to continue engaging in literacy (as well as some math and physical exercises!) during their vacation time.

1 **Birthday of Gail Gibbons**, author of many nonfiction books. Read a nonfiction book and tell someone what you have learned.

2 Make a chart of words that are opposites. Keep the list and add to it as you discover more pairs of opposite words.

3 Read a book about friends. *Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel is a good example.

4 Make a card for one of your friends. Write why he or she is so special to you.

5 If it is a sunny day, go outside and find your shadow. Go out later in the day and see if your shadow looks different. Why do you think that is so? If it is not sunny, ask someone about shadows.

6 **Friendship Day & Birthday of Frank Asch.**

Read *Happy Birthday, Moon*. Was bear a good friend to moon? What makes a good friend?

7 See if you can find a pattern somewhere in your house. Is there a pattern in your carpet? On your dishes? Make a pattern of your own.

8 Read a poem today.

9 **Birthday of Jose Aruego**, illustrator of *Leo the Late Bloomer*. Read this book and talk about what you like in the pictures.

10 Draw a picture or write about what you hope your first day of school will be like this year.

11 **Birthday of Don Freeman**, author of *Corduroy*. Read this book and then write or tell a story about one of your toys being lost in a store.

12 Go outside and skip, hop and jump. What do you like to do best? Why? Make a list about the reasons exercise is good for you.

13 Look in the paper for ads about school supplies. What supplies do you need? How much do they cost?

14 Make a card thanking someone who has taught you something important. Give or send the card to that person.

15 Count how many days you have been on summer break. How many days are left before school begins?

16 How many words can you rhyme with like? How many words can you rhyme with sat? Which list is longer?

17 Read quietly for 15 minutes today.

18 Listen to older family members talk today. Do you hear a word you do not know? Ask them about the word.

19 Design a book cover for your favorite book.

20 Ask a family member to tell you about his or her favorite story, and then share yours with him or her.

21 Look at the canned food in your house. Ask someone if you can put the cans in alphabetical order.

22 Find the city where you live on a map. What five cities are closest to you? Have you been to any of them?

23 Ask someone to read aloud to you today. Be sure to thank him or her!

24 If you have a computer, try to find the weather report for your city on the internet. If you don't have a computer, look for it in the newspaper.

25 Read a book with someone today. You read one page, and then let him or her read the next. Keep switching.

26 Think of an animal that begins with each letter of your first and last name. Which is your favorite? Why?

27 Read the comics with someone. Which comic made you laugh the most? Why?

28 Ask family members about the fire escape plan in your house. Write a thank you note to the firefighters at the station near to your home.

29 Work on a jigsaw puzzle with family members or friends. Think about how you decide which piece goes where.

30 Have someone measure how tall you are. Try to find something else in your house that is that tall.

31 Reread a favorite book, and share the best part out loud with someone you love.

