

Elementary Literacy

CCIRA Family Literacy Activity Calendar

For elementary students attending schools that do not follow traditional school calendars, this activity calendar provides generic literacy interactions for a month of 31 days. For longer breaks, repeat favorite activities.

1 Look at a calendar for the dates you will be on break. Are there any holidays? If so, do some research about the holiday.

2 Read quietly for 15 – 25 minutes.

3 Write and send a letter to a family member or friend.

4 Discuss your favorite book with a family member. See if you can find the book at the library.

5 Listen to a story on tape or on a CD. Draw a picture of your favorite character or favorite part of the story.

6 Make bookmarks to give to your family or friends.

7 Read a nonfiction book or article. Tell someone something interesting that you learned.

8 Read the Sunday comics. Which is your favorite? Why?

9 Measure 5 objects in feet and inches. What do those objects measure in centimeters?

10 Read directions for a card or board game. Ask someone to play the game with you.

11 Find a picture of a family member or a family event. Write a paragraph or two about that picture.

12 Find the weather forecast in the newspaper or on the internet. What kinds of information did you find?

13 Have someone read aloud to you from a book, an article or the newspaper.

14 Take a walk with a friend. Make a note of everything you observe.

15 Share your favorite book with someone today.

16 Read a map. What information does the map provide?

17 Read a poem today. Share it with someone.

18 Pick a favorite author or illustrator. Find out how many books he or she has written or illustrated. Read one of the books.

19 Look in a cookbook and find a recipe you would like to try. Ask if you can make it with someone in your family.

20 Look in the newspaper for a word you do not know. Look it up in the dictionary. When could you use that word?

21 Go on a real or pretend trip to the zoo or the museum. Write what you saw.

22 Look through the Sunday ads in the newspaper. Find 3 items you would like. How much do they cost?

23 Draw a picture of your favorite book character. Write the words of something he or she might say.

24 Ask to cut out a magazine picture. Write a story about the picture.

25 Read aloud to someone today.

26 Write a poem today.

27 Look at the objects in one kitchen cupboard. List all the ways the objects are similar, and all the ways they are different.

28 Do some kind of exercise outside today. Write why exercise is important. Share your writing with a friend.

29 Play a word game, a card game or a board game with family members today.

30 Open the dictionary and look at just one page. Which word is the longest word? What does it mean? Did you already know that word?

31 Reread a favorite book, or a chapter from a favorite book. Tell someone why you like that book or chapter.

