



Carthage Public Library District

Read, Talk, Sing, Write, and Play with your child

(“Writing” is anything that develops fine motor skills)

Check off each activity you do. After completing 15, bring the paper into the Library and your child will receive a rubber duck. Complete 15 more that month and your child will receive another duck and a free book. (Maximum 2 ducks and one book per month). The Rubber Ducky Club program will continue year round, with a different activity sheet for each month.

There are many national “days” each month that are fun to celebrate, but feel free to do the activities on any day.

R E A D	Read a funny story for April Fool’s Day.	April 8 is National Zoo Lovers Day. Read a book about a zoo or zoo animals.	April 10 is National Farm Animals Day. Read a book about a farm animal.	Read an Easter book or a Spring book.	National Library Week is April 4-10. Visit the Library to check out books and pick up a craft bag.	April is National Poetry Month. Read some poems or nursery rhymes.	April 27 is National Tell a Story Day. Tell your child a story about your childhood.
T A L K	Talk about your favorite things to do in the Spring.	First Wed. in April is National Walking Day. Go for a walk and talk about what you see and hear.	Talk about thunderstorms and the sound of rain on the roof.	April 11 is National Pet Day. Talk about your (or a friend’s) pet and how to care for it.	April 18 is National Animal Crackers Day. Talk about the different animals and body parts.	April 25 is National Telephone Day. Talk to a friend or relative on the phone.	Name and talk about family members or friends..
S I N G	Sing a silly song or make up silly words to a song.	April is “Move More Month.” Put on some music and move and to the beat.	April 10 is National Farm Animal Day. Sing “Old MacDonald Had a Farm.”	April 14 is Reach as High As You Can Day. Make up a song about reaching & bending.	April 29 is International Dance Day. Put on some music from another country and have a dance party.	Is it raining? Sing “Rain, Rain Go Away” or pretend to dance in the rain with an umbrella.	Sing a favorite song.
W R I T E	April 2 is Peanut Butter and Jelly Day. Let your child help spread the peanut butter and jelly.	Color pictures of your favorite zoo animals or farm animals.	Color an Easter picture or a Spring picture.	April 14 is National Gardening Day and April 22 is Earth Day. Pick up sticks from the yard or plant some seeds.	April 26 is National Pretzel Day. Picking up and eating pretzels uses fine motor skills.	April 29 is National Zipper Day. Practice zipping or unzipping a coat.	Move blocks or plastic eggs in and out of a container.
P L A Y	Practice rolling over or crawling going up steps and crawling down backwards or sitting and bumping bottom down.	First Sat. in April is National Love Our Children Day. Spend some extra time playing with your child.	Pretend to be an animal.	Hide plastic eggs for your child to find.	Roll a ball or plastic egg back and forth.	April 23 is Picnic Day. Have a picnic in the house or out in your yard.	Play with toy cars, trucks, and tractors.