



Carthage Public Library District

Read, Talk, Sing, Write, and Play with your child
 For this age “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 and your child will receive another duck and a free book. (Maximum 2 ducks and one book per month). This 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 book that you have not read before.	Aug. 9 is National Book Lovers Day. Read a favorite book.	Read an extra story at bedtime.	Read a book about school or preschool.	Spend 10 minutes reading your own book while your child “reads” nearby.	Read a book and count things in the pictures.	Aug. 26 is National Dog Day. Read a book about a dog.
T A L K	Choose one color. Look for and talk about that color things all day.	Talk about foods during meal time or at the grocery store.	Look at baby pictures and talk about how your child has grown.	Put 5-10 small objects in a bag or basket. Name them as they go in and out.	Practice saying own name.	Talk about your favorite things from summer.	Talk about things you see while walking or playing outside.
S I N G	The first week of Aug. is “Exercise with your Child Week.” Put on some music and move & groove.	Sing “BINGO.” Can you sing it with your child’s name?	Sing “Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes.”	Aug. 17 is “I Love My Feet Day.” Sing the “Hokey Pokey” or make up a song about feet.	Sing or say a favorite nursery rhyme.	Sing “The Wheels on the Bus.”	Dance to music and freeze in place when the music stops.
W R I T E	Aug. 2 is “Coloring Book Day.” Spend some time coloring together.	Stack and knock over blocks.	Help turn the pages of a book.	Feel objects with various textures.	Pick up and eat Cheerios and other finger foods.	Play with play dough.	Finger paint with yogurt or pudding.
P L A Y	Play “This Little Piggie”	Aug. 6 is “Wiggle Your Toes Day.” This would be a good day to play in the sand.	Take care of baby dolls today.	Play with toy cars & trucks.	Attend a Library “Play to Learn” session.	Pour water from one container into another (in the bathtub or wading pool outside).	Play hide and seek with a favorite toy and a blanket or towel.