



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.**

<b>R E A D</b>	March 1 is National Pig Day! Read a book about pigs or <u>If you Give a Pig a Pancake</u> by Laura Numeroff.	Read a book written by Dr. Seuss. March 2 is his birthday.	March 5 is World Book Day. Read a favorite book or take a “Story Walk” and read the book in store windows on the square	March 14 is Learn About Butterflies Day. Read a book about butterflies.	March 19 is International Read to Me Day. Read an extra book at bedtime.	March 20 is World Storytelling Day. Tell a story about your childhood.	March 23 is National Puppy Day. Read a book about a dog.
<b>T A L K</b>	Count their fingers and toes.	Talk about the weather. Is it hot or cold today? Sunny or cloudy or raining or windy?	March 12 is National Plant a Flower Day. Plant a few seeds in a cup and talk about what you are doing.	March 17 is St. Patrick’s Day. Look for and talk about things that are green.	March 19 is National Let’s Laugh Day. Tell a funny story.	In the morning, talk about your plans for the day.	March 30 is Take a Walk in the Park Day. Do that and talk about what you see and hear.
<b>S I N G</b>	March is National umbrella month. Go outside and sing and dance in the rain.	March 4th is Marching Band Day. Play music while marching around the house.	Sing or say nursery rhymes like “Jack & Jill” or “Humpty Dumpty”	Sing a song while picking up toys.	March 19 is National Let’s Laugh Day. Sing a silly song.	Sing a song from your child’s favorite movie or TV show.	Sing songs about dogs like “How Much is that Doggy in the Window,” or “B-I-N-G-O”
<b>W R I T E</b>	Practice picking up pieces of cereal or other small foods.	Shake a rattle or bang on a container with a wooden spoon.	Tummy time for babies. Others practice crawling, walking, etc. as age appropriate.	March 14 is National Children’s Craft Day. Pick up a bag at the library and make the craft together.	Draw a picture of an umbrella or a rainy day.	March 27 is National Scribble Day. Provide paper and markers or crayons for lots of scribbling.	March 31 is National Crayon Day. Draw and color a picture of a butterfly.
<b>P L A Y</b>	Download the free “Daily Vroom” app and do one of the suggested activities	Play with dolls today.	Make faces in a mirror. Can you look happy, sad, surprised, silly?	Play with nesting or stacking cups or bowls.	March 19 is National Let’s Laugh Day. Play a chase and tickle game.	Play peek-a-boo, or hide & find a stuffed animal.	March 23 is National Puppy Day. Pretend to be a puppy.