



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	May 1 is Mother Goose Day. Read or recite some of your favorite Mother Goose rhymes.	May is “Get Caught Reading Month.” Let your child catch you reading a book for your own enjoyment.	Read a book about babies.	Children’s Book Week is May 3-9. Read a book by a favorite author.	Point out the first letter of their name in books, or ads, or food packages.	Read a book about butterflies, bugs, or birds.	Let your child help hold the book or turn the pages.
T A L K	Talk about the parts of the body.	May 4 is Weather Observers Day. Talk about the weather.	Talk to grandma or another friend or relative on-line or over the telephone.	May 16 is “Love a Tree” Day. Walk outside and count the trees you see. Talk about the kinds.	Talk about the flowers, birds, and other things you see and hear outside.	Practice saying Mama, milk, and other words that start with M.	May 31 is Smile Day. Talk about things that make you smile.
S I N G	Sing a song while riding in the car.	Dance to a favorite song. Try using scarves while you dance.	Sing the “5 Little Ducks” Song	May 14 is “Dance Like a Chicken Day.” Do your own version of the chicken dance.	Clap along to the beat of music (or use wooden spoons to bang on a pot or a plastic container.	Sing “You are my Sunshine.”	May 31 is “National Smile Day.” Sing “If You’re Happy & You Know It.”
W R I T E	Scribble color a picture to thank Police, Hospital, & EMS workers, or teachers & babysitters.	Make Mother’s Day cards for mom and grandma.	Draw with sidewalk chalk outside.	Color pictures of flowers.	Pick up pieces of cereal. If using colored cereal, sort by color.	May 22 is Vanilla Pudding Day. Finger paint using pudding.	May 30 is Creativity Day. Create with playdough.
P L A Y	The first Sat. in May is National Fitness Day. Go outside and run around.	Play with bubbles.	Play with some toys on the floor. Tummy time for babies.	May 13 is Frog Jumping Day. Pretend to be frogs	May 24 is Scavenger Hunt Day. Hide objects for your child to find.	Roll a ball back and forth.	Pretend to be a caterpillar; a butterfly; a bug; a bird.