



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 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” in November that are fun to celebrate, but feel free to do them on any day.

November is “Family Literacy Month” so it’s a great month to spend time reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing together.

R E A D	Nov. 5 is National Donut Day. <u>Read If you Give a Dog a Donut</u> by Laura Numeroff or another book about a donut.	Talk about the pictures in a book – don’t worry about reading the actual text.	Check this box for 1-5 minutes of a positive experience with books (which is better than 10-15 min. of forcing him to sit & listen.)	Let your child hold the book and turn the pages.	Nov. 19 is Family Reading Night. Read together as a family.	Read a book about Thanksgiving.	Do the Story Walk that the Library set up around the Courthouse lawn.
T A L K	To celebrate Family Stories Month, tell your child a story about your childhood.	Nov. 13 is World Kindness Day. Talk about kind things others have done for you and kind things your child has done.	Nov. 17 is Take a Hike Day. Go for a walk and talk about all of the sounds you hear.	Talk to your child while giving an infant massage.	Use photos to name and talk about friends and relatives.	Talk about all of the things you are thankful for.	.Talk about the day and your child’s favorite parts.
S I N G	Sing or say a favorite nursery rhyme.	Sing, “Where is Thumbkin?”	Sing while riding in the car.	Sing, “If You’re Happy and You Know It.” (or if you’re Thankful).	Use kitchen items as musical instruments and keep the beat to a favorite song.	Sing “10 Little Indians” or 10 Little Turkeys.	Sing and dance to a favorite song.
W R I T E	Wave hello and goodbye, and throw kisses.	Nov. 13 is World Kindness Day. Color a picture or make a card to send to someone in a nursing home.	Pick up Cheerios or other small foods.	Put blocks or other objects in and out of a container.	Decorate place cards for the dinner table.	Trace your child’s hand and draw a turkey.	Ask your child to draw what he is thankful for.
P L A Y	Pretend to cook and eat a meal.	Play pat-a-cake.	Build an indoor fort with blankets, cushions, chairs, or boxes.	Play with toys during Tummy Time.	Play with puzzles or stack blocks.	Use playdough to make pretend pies and other foods.	Make puppets from plastic spoons (draw faces) & put on a puppet show.