



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 during the month 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” that are fund to celebrate, but feel free to do them on any day of the month.

October is National Apple Month and National Pumpkin Month.

R E A D	Read a book about apples.	Fire Prevention Week begins Oct. 4. Read a book about firefighters.	Read a book about a farmer or farm machinery	Read a book about pumpkins.	Read a book about colors.	Read a “Pete the Cat” book.	Read a favorite Halloween book.
T A L K	Talk about colors of apples and different foods made from apples.	Talk about what you are getting at the grocery store.	Oct. 12 is National Farmers Day. Talk about farmers and what they do.	Take a walk and talk about the different sounds you hear.	Oct. 22 is National Color Day. Talk about colors while sorting laundry.	Talk about leaves changing colors in the fall.	Talk about things that move.
S I N G	Sing the “Apples and Bananas” Song.	Sing/say the rhyme about “5 Little Pumpkins Sitting on the Gate”	Sing “Old MacDonald Had a Farm”	Sing “I’m a Little Pumpkin” to the tune of “I’m a Little Teapot” making up your own words.	Make up a song about colors, maybe to the tune of “Row, Row, Row your Boat”	Sing “Little Red Caboose” or another song about a train.	Sing and dance to a favorite song.
W R I T E	Oct. 1 is Homemade Cookies Day. Let your child help you mix ingredients.	Oct. 5 is Do Something Nice Day. Make a card or draw a picture for a neighbor.	Draw a picture of an apple tree, or make a tree with a cardboard tube and ½ paper plate. Cut or tear red paper apples to glue on.	Practice feeding self with a spoon.	Color or draw with lots of different colors.	Pull scarves or fabric pieces out of an empty wipe container or tissue box.	Paint or draw on a pumpkin.
P L A Y	Roll a ball (or an apple) back and forth.	Play dress up trying on different costumes or outfits.	Play with toy tractors.	Make faces in the mirror (happy, sad, surprised, silly, etc.)	Oct. 22 is National Color Day. Sort toys by color.	Oct. 29 is National Cat Day (Oct. 27 is Black Cat Day). Pretend to be a cat.	Play outside on a nice fall day.