



Carthage Public Library District

**Read, Talk, Sing, Write, and Play with your child**

(“Write” also includes other 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). The Rubber Ducky Club 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.

<b>R E A D</b>	Read a book about apples.	Read a book about firefighters.	Read a book about a farmer or farm machinery	Read a book about pumpkins.	Read a book about colors & name objects in the room that are the same color.	Read a “Pete the Cat” book.	Read a favorite Halloween book.
<b>T A L K</b>	Talk about colors of apples and different foods made from apples.	Fire Prevention Week begins Oct.3. Talk about fire safety.	Oct. 12 is National Farmers Day. Talk about farmers and what they do.	Attend a Library Program and talk with friends.	Oct. 22 is National Color Day. Talk about colors while sorting laundry.	Talk about why leaves change colors in the fall.	Oct. 31 is Knock Knock Joke Day. Teach your child some knock knock jokes.
<b>S I N G</b>	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.	Sing “Little Red Caboose” or another song about a train.	Oct. 17 is National Pasta Day. Sing “On Top of Spaghetti”	Sing and dance to a favorite song.
<b>W R I T E</b>	Oct. 1 is Homemade Cookies Day. Let your child help you measure and 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 writing A for apple, O for October, and P for pumpkin.	Choose a color and draw pictures of things which are that color.	Oct. 17 is National Pasta Day. String pieces of dry pasta onto yarn to make a necklace.	Draw a jack-o-lantern or paint or draw on a real pumpkin.
<b>P L A Y</b>	Play dress up trying on different costumes or outfits.	Pretend to be a firefighter.	Play with toy tractors and farm toys.	Play “I Spy with my little eye”	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.