





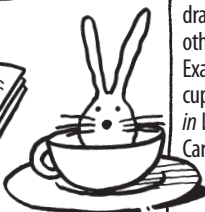



















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Daily Reading & Writing Calendar


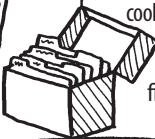








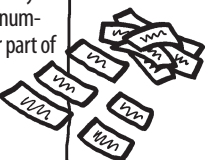







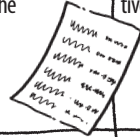




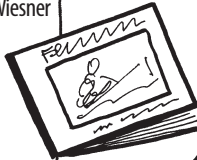



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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| <p>List four types of reading that begin with different letters of the alphabet (autobiography, chapter book, field guide, mystery). Read one a week this month.</p>  | <p>Ask someone to give you five random nouns (sailboat, bear, guitar, house, pumpkin). Can you write a story that includes every word?</p>  | <p>Write a message for a family member on a dry-erase board or a notepad. ("Thanks for dinner, Mom." "Good luck on your test, Matt!")</p> | <p>Take turns making up lines of a family story that begins, "Remember when we... (got lost, built our tree house)." Use dramatic voices and act out exciting parts.</p>  | | <p>Illustrate a pair of rhyming words for someone to guess. For instance, you might draw rain falling on blossoms (flower shower).</p>  | <p>Set up a magazine swap with a friend. Borrow an issue from each other, and return it when you finish reading.</p>  |
| <p>Pretend you're famous, and write an encyclopedia entry about yourself. Example: "Jon Jones set a world record for scoring the most goals in a soccer game..."</p>  | <p>Use a photo to practice inferring (reading between the lines). What are the people in the picture thinking? How can you tell?</p>  | <p>Take turns thinking of a book and drawing clues to help other players guess it. Example: rabbit and teacup for <i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i> (Lewis Carroll).</p> | <p>Practice your spelling words using American Sign Language. Search for the alphabet online, or find it in a book (try <i>Sign Language for Kids</i> by Lora Heller).</p>  | | <p>Celebrate one writer's birthday by reading a book written by that person. Search online to learn which authors were born this month.</p>  | <p>Write a letter to a company that makes a product you use (baseball glove, modeling clay). Explain why you like it or what could be better.</p>  |
| <p>Invent descriptive names for your favorite colors. Examples: traffic cone orange, evening sky blue, snowball white.</p>  | <p>Use a photo to practice inferring (reading between the lines). What are the people in the picture thinking? How can you tell?</p>  | <p>Practice being a ventriloquist. Read from a joke book, and use a sock puppet to say the punch lines without moving your lips.</p> | <p>Find five acronyms in a newspaper, and try to figure out what the letters stand for. Example: NASA = National Aeronautics and Space Administration.</p>  | | <p>Play book charades. Act out the words in a book title or the action in the book. Whoever guesses correctly acts out a book for you.</p>  | <p>Write down names of 10 items you see (thermostat, computer, pillow), and have a friend do the same. Look at each other's lists for one minute, and try to write the words from memory.</p> |
| <p>Look through a library book of quotations, and fill a poster board with your favorites. Example: "Today was good. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one." (Dr. Seuss)</p>  | <p>To remember their or there, point out that "there" has the word "here" inside it. Suggest he use the phrase, "here or there" to help him remember that "there" is for places.</p>  | <p>At the grocery store, take turns pointing out foods with three or more syllables (celery, macaroni, tomato). Who can find the product with the most syllables?</p> | <p>List friends' birthdays in a small notebook. Use your birthday book to remind yourself to make cards for your friends on their special days.</p>  | | <p>Play book charades. Act out the words in a book title or the action in the book. Whoever guesses correctly acts out a book for you.</p>  | <p>Cover a shoebox with construction paper, cut a slit in the lid, and write "Family Suggestion Box" on top. Invite suggestions, and read them at dinner once a week.</p>  |
| <p>Lay eight Scrabble tiles faceup. Using pencil and paper, see who can make the longest word using only those letters.</p>  | <p>Jot down new words while reading and look them up in a dictionary. Then, use different color markers to write them in a "cloud"—vertically, horizontally, and diagonally.</p>  | | <p>Make a list of things you can do every day to help the environment (take shorter showers, walk to school). Post your list on the refrigerator.</p>  | | <p>Read a newspaper article about another country. Tell someone three things you learned about that country (name of a city, the climate).</p>  | <p>Think of a place (Mars) for a friend to guess. Give clues (red, rocky) until he figures it out. Then, trade roles.</p>  |

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| <p>Make a word-search puzzle on graph paper by hiding your vocabulary words among random letters. Ask a friend to make one for you, and trade papers.</p>  | <p>Play a word game like Scrabble, Boggle, or Upwords. Keep a dictionary handy to look up words if you challenge another player.</p>  | <p>Choose a chapter book for you and a friend to read. Plan to meet in two weeks to discuss it, and then get reading!</p>  | <p>Pretend to visit the setting of a favorite story. Make a postcard that tells what you saw there. ("Today I went to Terebithia. The castle was huge!")</p>  | <p>Write vocabulary words on separate slips of paper. Then, sort the words in different ways (by vowel sound, number of syllables, or part of speech).</p>  | | |
| <p>Place a jar in a central location and have your family fill it with jokes written on slips of paper. When you need a laugh, draw a slip and read it aloud!</p>  | <p>Write words that end with each letter of the alphabet (<i>area, cab, optimistic</i>). How many ending letters can you use?</p>  | <p>Make a story mural. Paint three scenes from a book: one from the beginning, another from the middle, and a third from the end. Use your mural to tell someone the story.</p>  | <p>Create a rebus story (told with both words and pictures). For a spooky tale, you might replace the words <i>moon, owl, and house</i> with drawings.</p>  | <p>Misspell a word (<i>trampoline</i>), and ask a friend to spell it correctly (<i>trampoline</i>). Then, let her misspell a word for you to fix.</p>  | | |
| <p>Read a how-to guide such as <i>Yo-Yo World Trick Book</i> by Harry Baier or <i>Magic Tricks with Coins, Cards, and Everyday Objects</i> by Jake Banfield. Show someone what you learn.</p>  | <p>Write instructions for a craft you're familiar with (friendship bracelet, craft stick house). Read over your directions to be sure the steps make sense and are in the correct order.</p>  | <p>Think of people your family calls regularly (grandmother, best friends). Make a list of their phone numbers and hang it on the refrigerator.</p>  | <p>What does your name mean? Look it up in a book of names. Then, look up friends' and relatives' names.</p>  | <p>Write a short comic. Cut several pictures of people or animals from old magazines, and glue them on a strip of paper. Draw balloons above each character, and add dialogue.</p>  | <p>Save bottle caps or look for bingo chips at a dollar store. Print the alphabet on them, and arrange the letters to spell words.</p>  | |
| <p>Research your state tree, flower, and bird in an encyclopedia or online at <i>50states.com</i>. Draw and label a picture of each one.</p>  | <p>Read a wordless picture book such as <i>Flotsam</i> by David Wiesner or <i>The Red Book</i> by Barbara Lehman. Make up a story to go with the pictures.</p>  | <p>Write a short review to convince a friend to read a book you enjoyed. Summarize the story, and explain why you liked it—but don't give away the ending!</p>  | <p>Check out a poetry book from the library. Toss two dice and read the poem on that page number (<i>example:</i> roll 2 and 5 and read page 25). Repeat to read more poems.</p>  | <p>Combine two fairy tales to create your own. For instance, you might write "Snow White and the Seven Pigs" or "Goldilocks and Gretel."</p>  | | |