Early literacy begins with you and your child. Help your child get ready to read by doing simple activities every day.

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<td><strong>1</strong> Sing “Rain is Falling.” (lyrics on back)</td>
<td><strong>2</strong> Draw big circles and little circles in different colors.</td>
<td><strong>3</strong> It is spring - talk to your child about the changes outside.</td>
<td><strong>4</strong> Draw a picture of what you can see from a window in your house.</td>
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<td>Talk about feeling words—happy, sad, scared, lonely, mad.</td>
<td>Point out and read words you find in your house—on shirts, food packages, or your walls.</td>
<td>Children learn through repetition. Sing your favorite song several times today!</td>
<td>Play color &quot;I spy,&quot; and find different colored items in a room.</td>
<td>Pretend to be a tightrope walker! Walk on a string or piece of tape on the floor.</td>
<td>Take a walk and talk about the green things you see.</td>
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<td><strong>12</strong> Read a book and then act out the story with puppets or dolls.</td>
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<td>Scribble with crayons!</td>
<td>Pretend you are jumping in a puddle! Splash!</td>
<td>Look at an animal book and talk about the sounds each animal makes.</td>
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<td><strong>27</strong> Sing the “Little Ducks” song. (lyrics on back)</td>
<td><strong>28</strong> Read the “Humpty Dumpty” rhyme and point out the rhyming words wall and fall; men and again.</td>
<td><strong>29</strong> Sing “Row, Row, Row Your Boat.” Repeat it with other ways to row, such as quickly, slowly or wildly!</td>
<td><strong>30</strong> Using scissors is a great way to build hand strength. Try cutting paper or playdough!</td>
<td><strong>31</strong> Visit the Library website (Kids Page - Birth to 6 - Early Literacy Calendar) to get the May activity calendar.</td>
<td><strong>32</strong> Take a walk and look for bugs!</td>
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**talk • sing • read • write • play**

These are five of the best practices to prepare children to read. Have fun with your child!
Poke cut up straws into playdough. Make letters or be creative!

Rain is Falling
Tune: “Are You Sleeping?”
Rain is falling, rain is falling,
All around, all around,
Pitter, patter, raindrops,
Pitter, patter, raindrops,
Hit the ground.
Hit the ground.

Make patterns with blocks or other toys.

Rain
Rain on the green grass,
(Make rain motions with fingers down near floor)
Rain on the trees,
(Make rain motions with fingers up high in air)
Rain on the rooftop,
(Make rain motions with fingers above head)
But not on me!
(Shake head and point to self)

Find and read a story that includes rain.

Spring Song
Tune: “The Farmer in the Dell”
The sun is shining bright,
The sun is shining bright,
Oh, how I love the warmth,
The sun is shining bright.

The rain is falling down,
The rain is falling down,
Oh, how I love the sounds,
The rain is falling down.

The flowers start to bloom,
The flowers start to bloom,
Oh, how I love the sight,
The flowers start to bloom.

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Humpty Dumpty
Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;
All the king’s horses and all the king’s men
Couldn’t put Humpty together again.