

April 2019 Early Learning Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Comfort me! Sing, play, and read with me. Listen to me, and talk with me. This creates healthy brain development so that I can learn more easily later on.	2 Encourage me to think about how the characters in a book are <i>feeling</i> , or <i>how they can solve a problem</i> . Say, "I wonder..."	3 Spend a few minutes today just BEING with me. Sit still, and pay attention to what I am interested in. Smile, and let me know that you care.	4 Let ME answer questions that family & friends ask. It takes me a bit of time, but I can do it! <i>Count to 10 under your breath</i> while waiting for me to respond. Smile & wait!	5 I want to go on a date with you tonight! (Let's get washed up, dressed up, and go to dinner or a movie).	6 Go to http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/troll.html and look at toilet paper roll puppet ideas. Puppets help us learn about language, cooperation & manners!
7 Keep track of your child's milestones right from infancy. Screening helps all parents see if their child's development is on track. 	8 Take time to read to YOURSELF today - I need to see you reading too mom and dad! 	9 Let's play "Follow the Leader" outside! Walk backwards; jump on one foot; run! 	10 I know it's not always easy, but keep at it! Aim for 15 minutes a day! 	11 Show me how I can help set the table! 	12 Let's have a conversation about the books we read tonight! Let's STRIVE for 5 turns on the same topic! 	13 Let's walk to the park today & talk about the things we see, hear, and smell on the way. Teach me new words!
14 For older children, play games with sounds (e.g., I hear with my little ear, something that sounds like: "ap-ple-sauce". See if they can tell you the word: "applesauce!") 	15 Talk about dialling 911 in case of an emergency. 	16 Let's add to our writing basket today! NEW crayons, paper, chalk, paint, WORKING markers, sharp pencil crayons, pencils! 	17 Let's make play dough today. Make a Jack and a Jill and a big hill and sing the nursery rhyme! Or, make the three little pigs and wolf, and tell the story!	18 Family Game Night! Turn off the phone, TV, i-Pad, & computer! 	19 GOOD FRIDAY Help me calm down by taking 5-10 deep breaths. Even toddlers can relax this way! 	20 Make a SOUND book! Say "I Hear with My Little Ear, the very first sound in ____ (pick any object- mmilk)". Draw the object. Show me how to print & say the sound at the same time.
21 Happy Easter! 	22 EASTER MONDAY Let's take care of our yard today. Reduce plastic use. 	23 Tell me about YOUR day mom & dad! I can learn so many new words this way. And this will make me want to talk about MY day! I will share more with you this way ☺	24 Start bedtime EARLY tonight. That will leave room for more stories, more discussion about them, and a good night's sleep! 	25 Show me how to use scissors with junk mail today. Thumbs up! 	26 Help me make a thank-you card for someone special today. 	27 What's happening at the market today?
28 Help me set up an obstacle course! Talk about the words under, around, behind, between, on/off, in/out 	29 Let's be silly with sounds in songs! (e.g., Old MacDonald had a Farm, <i>kee-igh-kee-igh-koel!</i>) I LOVE being silly - it helps me de-stress! 	30 Let's empty the bowls/pots cupboard & drum the rhythm of a song or nursery rhyme with a wooden spoon. 				