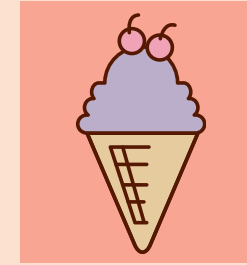
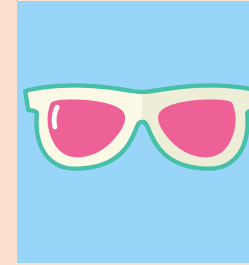
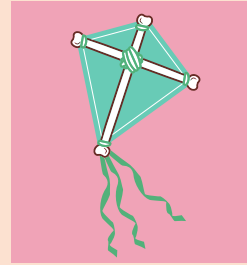
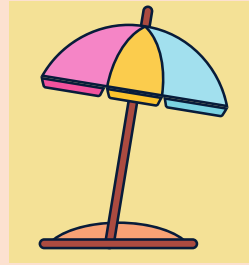
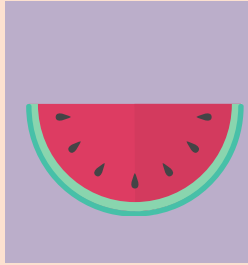
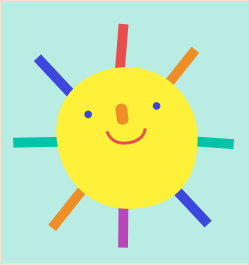


# Durham Public Library Children's August Literacy Calendar



**1** Go for a drive and have your child count all the stop signs they see.

**2** Make up a story about ants who steal food from a picnic. What do they steal?

**3** Open a book. Ask your child how many words they can pick out on the page.

**4** Listen to the birds throughout the day. Can you make the same sounds they do?

**5** Recite favorite nursery rhymes together.

**6** Draw zig-zags and waves on paper and have your child practice cutting along the lines.

**7** Go on a treasure hunt in your house for things that start with the letter B.

**8** In the morning, have your child help you write a to-do list for the day.

**9** Make up a song about summer vacation, and sing it to the tune of "Jingle Bells".

**10** Help your child use a ruler to measure several objects in the house. Which is the longest? Which is the shortest?

**11** Write down the words "dog", "cat", "pig" and "cow". Can your child think of a rhyming word for each animal?

**12** Sing "The Ants Go Marching" together.

**13** Read a wordless picture book together. Have your child tell the story in their own words as you look at the pictures.

**14** Roast marshmallows together and talk about what happens when you heat them up.

**15** Practice dividing your lunch foods in half. Talk about how 2 halves make a whole.

**16** Collect leaves from different trees. Have your child glue them to paper. Look them up and label them.

**17** Go on a walk and look for things that start with the same letter as the first and last name of your child.

**18** Have your child write a message to a loved one in a blank greeting card. Mail the card together.

**19** As you prepare a meal, sing a song about what you are doing together.

**20** Play a game in which you pretend to be a different animal.

**21** Play grocery store with pantry items. Take turns "shopping" and "buying" food.

**22** Have your child practice writing their name, making each letter a different color.

**23** Sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" together.

**24** Tell your child a story about a pet you had when you were growing up.

**25** Play some of your child's favorite songs and have a dance party.

**26** Bake cookies together and talk about what you're doing as you help each other measure and mix the ingredients.

**27** How many words can your child think of that have the same beginning sound of their name?

**28** Have your child draw a picture of their favorite bird. Then, have them draw a picture of an imaginary bird.

**29** Use chalk to draw your child's name on the sidewalk. Have him trace it with another color.