

Interest-Based Everyday Literacy Activity Checklist

Young children learn to listen, talk, read, and write as part of their involvement in interesting activities. Inside you'll find a list of everyday activities that your child and your family might do as part of your home and family life. Please mark (✓) the activities that are your child's interests or that might be interesting for your child.

Child's Name_____ Date of Birth_____ Today's Date_____



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This activity	Is my child's interest	Would be interesting to my child	This activity	Is my child's interest	Would be interesting to my child
Adult and child playtimes			Having "conversations" with a doll or stuffed animal		
Attending children's concerts Attending puppet shows			Having pretend phone conversations		
Attending religious/spiritual services			Helping mom or dad "read" favorite stories		
Attending religious activities for children			Holiday dinners		
Being part of mealtime conversations			Listening to bedtime stories Listening to or singing music/		
Child/parent book reading times			favorite songs		
Choosing books at the library			Listening to nursery rhymes Listening to or saying prayers		
Cooking or preparing meals			Listening to or saying prayers Listening to storytellers/story		
Cutting/tearing pictures from a magazine or catalog			times		
Dictating letters or shopping lists			Listening to religious or spiritual readings		
Doing art activities			Listening to TV phrases/jingles		
Drawing in sand or dirt			Looking at alphabet books		
Eating out			Looking at books like "Mother Goose" or "Dr. Seuss"		
Family gatherings			Looking at catalogs, magazines, or		
Family talks			newspapers	_	_
Going food shopping			Looking at family photos or favorite pictures		
Going on a neighborhood walk			Looking at picture books		
Going to library/bookstore story times			Making a shopping list or "to do" list		
Going on nature walks					

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Ordering food from a restaurant menu			Playing word games on the Internet		
Painting or drawing			Reading emails, letters or greeting cards to your child		
People coming and going (good- byes/hellos)			Reading or looking at books		
Picking out favorite foods at the grocery store			Saying grace/thanks at meals Saying hellos/good-byes		
Playing board games			Singing alphabet songs/saying ABCs		
Playing finger games like "Where Is Thumbkin?" or "Five Little Monkeys"			Singing songs or saying nursery rhymes		
Playing lap games like "Peek-a- Boo" or "So Big"			Snuggling or cuddling with adults		
Playing naming games like "I Spy"			Taking walks or strolls		
Playing naming games like "Where			Talking on the telephone		
Is Your Nose?" Playing parent/child vocal games ("talking" to one another)			Telling or making up stories Using a chalkboard/whiteboard		
Playing rhyming games like "Pat a Cake"			Using crayons or markers/pens or pencils		
Playing with alphabet blocks or			Using finger paints		
letter magnets			Using play dough, silly putty, etc.		
Playing with magnetic letters/ shapes			Visiting neighbors		
Playing with alphabet stamps			Visiting the library/bookmobile/bookstore		
Playing with foam alphabet letters			Watching children's TV shows		
Playing with talking toys like "See 'n' Say"			"Writing" or scribbling on paper		

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