



Young children develop early literacy abilities during *many other* interesting activities they engage in on their own or with family members. Please write below additional everyday learning activities of interest to your child:

CELL Scales



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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	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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Having "conversations" with a doll or stuffed animal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ordering food from a restaurant menu	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing word games on the Internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attending children's concerts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Having pretend phone conversations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Painting or drawing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reading emails, letters or greeting cards to your child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attending puppet shows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Helping mom or dad "read" favorite stories	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	People coming and going (good-byes/hellos)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reading or looking at books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attending religious/spiritual services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Holiday dinners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Picking out favorite foods at the grocery store	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saying grace/thanks at meals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attending religious activities for children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Listening to bedtime stories	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing board games	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saying hellos/good-byes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being part of mealtime conversations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Listening to or singing music/favorite songs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing finger games like "Where Is Thumpkin?" or "Five Little Monkeys"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Singing alphabet songs/saying ABCs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child/parent book reading times	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Listening to nursery rhymes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing lap games like "Peek-a-Boo" or "So Big"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Singing songs or saying nursery rhymes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choosing books at the library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Listening to or saying prayers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing naming games like "I Spy"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Snuggling or cuddling with adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooking or preparing meals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Listening to storytellers/story times	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing naming games like "Where Is Your Nose?"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Taking walks or strolls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cutting/tearing pictures from a magazine or catalog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Listening to religious or spiritual readings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing parent/child vocal games ("talking" to one another)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Talking on the telephone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dictating letters or shopping lists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Listening to TV phrases/jingles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing rhyming games like "Pat a Cake"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Telling or making up stories	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doing art activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Looking at alphabet books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing with alphabet blocks or letter magnets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Using a chalkboard/whiteboard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drawing in sand or dirt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Looking at books like "Mother Goose" or "Dr. Seuss"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing with magnetic letters/shapes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Using crayons or markers/pens or pencils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eating out	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Looking at catalogs, magazines or newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing with alphabet stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Using finger paints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family gatherings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Looking at family photos or favorite pictures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing with foam alphabet letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Using play dough, silly putty, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family talks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Looking at picture books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing with talking toys like "See 'n' Say"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visiting neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Going food shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Making a shopping list or "to do" list	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				Visiting the library/bookmobile/bookstore	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Going on a neighborhood walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>							Watching children's TV shows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Going to library/bookstore story times	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>							"Writing" or scribbling on paper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Going on nature walks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>									