

July 2015

We are responsible for the memories of childhood...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Sing patriotic songs.	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8 Pick strawberries and eat them!	9 Play outside with water.	10 Read a favorite book while sitting under a tree.	11 Hunt for rocks.
12	13 Sleep outside and look at the stars.	14	15 Go to the library every week to get new books to read.	16	17 Go to the beach and walk in the sand. Collect shells.	18
19	20	21 Help your family cook dinner. Count and measure eve- rything.	22	23 Sing family songs.	24	25 Play at a new city park or hike in the woods.
26	<i>27</i> <i>Teach a younger</i> <i>child to</i> 1, 2, Buckle My Shoe.	28	29 Have a watermelon party.	30	31	

Thank you for the most important teacher your child will ever have!



August 2015 Parents and teachers have a covenant: We jointly share

responsibility for educating the young...



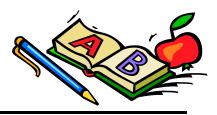
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2	3 Dance and sing every day.	4	5 Explore nature in your backyard or at the park.	6	7 Take walks around the neighborhood.	8
9	10	11 Sing counting songs and Mother Goose rhymes.	12 Ride the city bus or take a train ride.	13 Collect rocks. Draw pictures of them. Which ones can you name?	14	15
16	17 Take a walk around your school. How many days until school starts?	18 Go to a children's museum.	19	20 Write a letter to Grandma.	21 Listen and watch for local birds.	22
23 30	24 31	25	26 Tell silly jokes.	27	28	29

Thank you for being Parents as Partners in kindergarten literacy!



September 2015

Memorize, recite and perform language.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Practice the ABC Phonics: Sing, Sign, and Read! song every day.	3 Take a neighborhood walk—watch leaves beginning to change color. Recognize names of trees.	4 Help your child print his first name with good handwriting.	5 Enjoy hearing your child recite some nursery rhymes.
6 Ask your child to sing and sign J ^a " L-O-V-E Spells Love". J ^a Write love.	7 Labor Day Talk to your child about your best school memories.	8 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! Notice the sunset Notice the moon.	9 Notice changes in weather. Talk about clouds, precipitation, temperature and sea- sons.	10 Read with your child at least 20 minutes each night.	11 Patriot Day Watch the ABC Phonics video clips: sing and sign with your child.	12 Find many reasons for your child to print his name. Practice two times every day.
13 Plan a special family "cheese and breads" evening—Parisian style. Enjoy classical music.	14 Talk with your child about what you are grateful for.	15 Talk about signs of Fall while driving or walking with your child.	16 Teach your child to fingerspell her name. Sing "heart word" songs.	17 Visit an older friend. Let your child per- form a song or nursery rhyme.	18 Encourage your child to practice the ABC Phon- ics: Sing, Sign, and Read! song until they are experts.	19 Let your child set the table for lunch. Count silverware.
20 Take a walk and notice signs of Fall.	21 Sing some family songs with your child. Talk about what the songs mean to you.	22 Enjoy a Fiesta Night! Celebrate with a new variety of salsa, chips and music!	23 September / Fall Equinox Celebrate the first day of Fall!	24 Introduce new col- or words such as: amber, turquoise and magenta.	25 Ask your child to per- form ABC Phonics : Sing, Sign and Read! for the family.	26 Tell family stories during dinner time.
27 Play games outside: Hop, skip, jump or throw a ball!	28 Create a writing tote. Encourage your child to draw and make books. Keep it fun !	29 Ask your child to sing and sign J ^a "L-O-V-E Spells Love". J	30 Encourage your child to count everything! Count to 100 and beyond!			

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October 2015

Read together every day and enjoy counting every thing!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Take a neighbor- hood walk—watch leaves falling off trees. Which trees do you recognize?	2 Count to 100 and beyond with your child.	3 Read the Poetry "I Can Read" notebook together with your child.
4 Let your child help make breakfast. Count and measure everything.	5 Sing the songs you loved when you were a young child. Ask your child to teach you a new kindergarten song.	6 Find opportunities for your child to print his or her name and write "heart word" sentences: I love you, I like my cat.	7 Sing ABC Phonics: Sing, Sign and Read! together every day	8 Practice name writing or heart word sentences.	9 Enjoy a special family "cheese, fruits, nuts, and crackers" meal .	10 Go for a walk together. Gather leaves. Notice signs of fall.
11 Share a new bedtime story or rhyme with your child.	12 Columbus Day Recite favorite nursery rhymes together.	13 Continue reading with your child at least 20 minutes each night.	14 Talk about what time you eat din- ner: notice the wall clock.	15 Visit an older friend. Let your child perform a song or rhyme.	16 Read the street signs in your neigh- borhood.	17 Recite favorite Fall poems from the "I Can Read" Poetry Notebook.
18 Take a walk and notice the stars: Sing ℐ Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star ℐ together.	19 Talk with your child about what you are grateful for.	220 Ask your child to tell you about their favorite school activity.	21 Practice "heart words". Listen to the Sing, Sign, Spell, and Read! CD.	22 Let your child set the table for lunch. Count silverware.	23 Take your child grocery shopping. Let him select a new vegetable or fruit for the family.	24 Let your child prepare lunch—with no help from any adults. Compliment his or her efforts.
25 Tell family stories during dinner time.	26 Decorate a pumpkin or squash. Talk about harvest time. Notice the moon.	27 Continue encouraging your child to draw and write. Keep it fun!	28 Recite rhymes about pumpkins.	29	30	31 Halloween Celebrate the last day of October!

Thank you for being Parents as Partners in kindergarten literacy! Keep learning active, joyful, and engaging. Monthly family activity calendar pages available for members at nellieedge.com



November 2015

Dance and sing, talk and read with your child every day.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Ends <i>Remember to turn</i> <i>your clocks back!</i>	2 Continue encouraging your child to draw and write and make books!	<i>3 ELECTION DAY</i> Talk about what it means to be an American.	4	5 Encourage your child to perform ABC Phonics: Sing, Sign, and Read! frequently.	6 Enjoy hearing your child recite new nursery rhymes and poems about leaves.	7
8 Take evening walks and notice the stars.	9 Sing some family songs with your child. Talk about what the songs mean to you.	10 Tell family stories during dinner time.	11 VETERAN'S DAY	12 Ask your child to per- form The Pledge of Allegiance with Ameri- can Sign Language.	13 Enjoy sampling new cheeses and nuts. Learn their names.	14 Find many ways for your child to write his or her name and "heart word" sentences: I love you, I see my cat.
15	16 Read with your child at least 20 minutes each night: Include a book from The Read & Sing Book Club.	17 Read with your child at least 20 minutes every day	18 How many ways can you make the num- ber 10? Play with numbers!	19 Visit an older friend. Let your child perform a song or rhyme.	20 Count everything! County by 10's to 100.	21 Let your child set the table for lunch. Count silverware.
22 Enjoy singing the プT-h-a-n-k: Thank You <i>プ song.</i>	23 Talk with your child about what you are grateful for.	24 Count backwards from 10 to 1.	25 Talk about your family Thanksgiving traditions and what they mean to you.	Invite your	27 giving Vacation child to perform the song for the whole	28 Let your child prepare lunch—with no help from any adults. Compliment his efforts.
29 Tell a bedtime story by candlelight. Make a wish before blowing out the candle.	30 Count everything! Count to 100 and beyond.					

Thank you for being Parents as Partners in kindergarten literacy: Celebrate language!



December 2015

Talk and sing about your favorite things and people you love.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Encourage your child to review the ABC Phon- ics: Sing, Sign, and Read! Song. Perform for any attentive listener!	2	3 Let your child set the table for lunch. Count silverware.	4 Look at the calendar. How many days until someone's birthday? Count.	5 Enjoy watching your child sing and sign Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.
6 Sing some favorite seasonal and inspira- tional songs with your child. Consider making a family song book.	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day First Night of Hannukah	8 Continue reading with your child at least 20 minutes each night.	9 Decorate paper bags with colored markers for gift wrap.	10 Take night walks and enjoy the winter sky. Sing J ^a Winter is Coming	11 Make popcorn. Eat it, string it, or leave some outside for the birds!	12 Let your child make cards for Grandma or a favorite Uncle.
13	14 Ask your child to sing, sign, spell ,and read their newest "heart words."	15 Continue to count everything and con- tinue practicing new "heart words."	16 Participate in a toy or food drive.	17 Visit an older friend. Invite your child to perform one of his or her favorite new songs.	18 Enjoy family dinner time together: build happy memories. (No electronics!)	19 Winter is coming! No- tice winter birds. Talk about bird migrations. Light candles.
20 Winter Solstice Take a walk and talk about the changing seasons—What do you notice?	21 Talk with your child about what you are grateful for.	22 December Solstice "	23 Talk about family Winter Holiday traditions and what they mean to you.	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 First Day of
27 Let your child prepare lunch—with no help from any adults. Compliment his or her efforts.	28 Tell family stories during dinner time.	29	30 Talk about New Year 's resolutions.	<i>31</i> New Year's Eve		

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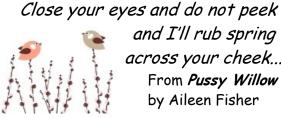
January 2016

January, January Another brand new year. Say goodbye to 2015 For 2016 is here!

Dance and sing, talk and read with your child every day.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elephant and Piggie Boo					1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Sleep intalk about New Year's resolu- tions. Write 2016	2 Count everything! County by 10's to 100 and by 5's to 100.
3 Make a set of ob- jects. How many ways can you make 10?	4 Talk about what you love and what you are grateful for.	5 Sing favorite family songs with your child. Talk about what the songs mean to you.	6 Continue practicing high -frequency "heart words" and "heart word" sentences.	7 Write January, 2016 and draw a picture! Make a book about winter.	8 What did you do as a writer today?	9 Go to the library and bring home Elephant and Piggie books by Mo Willems. Enjoy!
10 Continue reading with your child at least 20 minutes each night.	11 Share what you enjoy about winter. How is winter weather different from fall?	12 Create a writing and art tote and encourage your child to make books. Writing teaches read- ing.	13 Read the calendar. Count the number of days in January.	14 Make vegetable soup together. Read the recipe. Measure and count everything.	15 Ask your child to sing, sign, spell and read favorite songs.	16 Have story time with hot cocoa.
17 Cut paper snowflakes, and hang them around the house.	18 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY See "I Have a Dream" speech on YouTube.	19 Talk about Martin Luther King Jr. and how he taught peace- ful ways to solve prob- lems.	20 Draw pictures of cats and dogs, and write about favorite animals.	21 Find different ways to make 10 objects. Talk about adding and subtracting.	22 Make play dough. Download a free recipe at www.nellieedge.com/ What's New.	23
24 BELLY LAUGH DAY Continue to make family dinner time a huge priority! Laugh together 31	25 Tell bedtime stories. How do we know it's winter?	26 Talk about how you make a snowman: First next then last.	27 Talk about the weather each day: Notice clouds, temperature, precipita- tion	28 Count everything! County by 2's. Count backwards from 10.	29 Talk about what you liked best at school today.	30 Tell family stories during dinner time.

Thank you for being Parents as Partners in kindergarten literacy!



and I'll rub spring across your cheek ... From Pussy Willow by Aileen Fisher

February 2016

Music is Magic: Sing and Sing and Sing...



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Count everything. Count to 100 and beyond!	2 Groundhog's Day Read with your child every day. Talk about the stories.	3 Recite a favorite poem or sing a song and dramatize it.	4 Rosa Parks Day Write your first and last name with good handwriting. Draw a picture of yourself.	5 Make family din- nertime special. Share stories and tell jokes.	6 Make cards to send to Grandpa or an Auntie. Write happy messages.
7 Read Valentine poems from the "I Can Read" Poetry Note- book	8 Chinese New Year Play "Simon Says". Play "Mother May I".	9 What words rhyme with "cat?" Make a list.	10 Count by 2's. Count backward from 10	11 Find some pussy willows and recite "Close your eyes and do not peek	12 President Lincoln's Birthday Look at Lincoln's face on a penny.	13 Take a walk together and talk about the weather.
14 Valentine's Day Sing songs about love and friendship.	<i>15</i> President's Day Washington's Birthday	16 Memorize your ad- dress and phone num- ber.	17 Write your first and last name with good handwriting.	18 Check the temper- ature before bed- time and write it down.	19 Check the morning temperature. What is the difference from last night?	20 Go to the library and check out books about the real world—nonfiction.
21 Let your child prepare breakfast. Teach him how to measure and mix in- gredients.	22 Hop, skip, and jump! Walk like a crab. Walk like a bear.	23 Count how many steps you take from your house to your car.	24 Tell family stories at dinnertime.	25 Practice reciting and signing "The Pledge of Allegiance."	26 Notice the night sky. Are there stars out? What do we wonder about stars?	27 Take walks and talk about nature. What do you notice around you?
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Thank you for singing with your child: The brain is designed for music!



March 2016

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Notice all the wonderful things that happen in Spring.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Did March come in like a lion or a lamb? What words describe those animals?	2 Read Across America Day What is your favor- ite Dr. Seuss book?	3 Write "heart word" sentences: I love you because I like my cat because	4 Continue reading with your child at least 20 minutes each night. Ask ques-	5 Count from 50 to 100.
6 Visit an older friend. Let your child choose a favor- ite song or rhyme to perform.	7 Sing the songs you loved when you were a young child. Ask your child to sing some kindergarten songs.	8 Teach your child how to write your ad- dress. Memorize it!	9 Count by 2 to 100. Especially practice 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20	10 How do we know that spring is coming?	11 How many different ways can you make the sum of 10?	12 Read the street signs in your neigh- borhood.
13 Daylight Savings Let your child help turn the clocks for- ward. What will be different tomorrow?	14 Take a walk together. What signs of spring do you see or hear or feel?	15 Look at the night sky: What do you wonder about the stars and moon?	16 Practice new "heart words." Listen to the Sing, Sign, Spell, and Read! CD.	17 St. Patrick's Day Notice variations of green.: lime, khaki, Kelly Who was St. Patrick?	18	19 Recite favorite Spring poems from the "I Can Read" Poetry Notebook.
20 Celebrate the first day of Spring March Equinox	21	22 Count backwards from 10 to 1. Then walk backwards, counting backwards!	23 thin?	24 "Oh Spring. Oh Spring. You are a wonderful thing!"	25 Find things at home to count: flower petals, pennies, chairs, silverware.	26 Let your child help make breakfast. Count and measure everything.
27 Easter Write your first and last name every day with your best hand- writing!	28 Talk about what time you eat dinner: notice the wall clock.	29 Talk with your child about what you are grateful for.	30 Memorize your phone number. Recite it as a chant.	31 Cesar Chavez Day		

Thank you Parents for being the most important teacher your child will ever have!



April 2016

April showers bring May flowers.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 April Fool's Day Tell a favorite knock-knock joke.	2 Sing, talk and dance with your family every day!
3 Write numbers 2 to 20. Draw 20 items.	4 Read at least 20 minutes each night. Talk about books. What is your favor- ite book?	5 March around the house while count- ing to 100.	6 Take a walk and talk about how you know spring is here.	7 Make a book about birds in spring. What do we know about birds?	8 Recite poems from your "I Can Read" Notebook.	9 Take a walk , looking for flowers: Which ones can you name? A horticulturist studies plants.
10 Sing, Sign &Spell "b-e-c-a-u-s-e". Write the word 3 times.	11 Talk about kindness. What did we do to- day that showed kindness to someone?	12 Review the next set of high- frequency "heart words" every night.	13 Add new pens and paper to the Draw- ing/Writing Tote. Keep making books!	14 Count everything: silverware, pennies in a jar	15 Take a walk and notice things around you. Talk about things that are growing.	16 Make a list of things you love!
17	18 Talk about the things we love from nature.	19 Sing, "I Love The Earth" and other songs about nature.	20 Look for bugs. Draw a picture of the ones you found. Can you name them?	21 Talk about your fa- vorite book. What part of the story do you like best?	22 Earth Day Make a grocery list and use it to buy groceries.	23 Tell bedtime sto- ries together. Sing favorite lullabies.
24 Help make break- fast for the fami- ly. Count and meas- ure everything!	25 Take a night walk and look at the stars. Sing J Twinkle, Twin- kle, Little Star J	26 Tell family stories at dinner time.	27 Talk about what you like best about school.	28	29	30

Thank you for giving your child the gift of nightly reading.



May 2016



We give flowers away in the month of May!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Be an ornithologist! Take a walk and look for birds. What do you know about birds?	2 Review your last set of "heart words" eve- ry day until you are an expert.	3 Talk about what you like best about school and why: "I like math because"	4	5 Cinco de Mayo Sing Hola Mis Amigos, De Colores, and oth- er Spanish songs.	6 Sing and sign: J ^A Who? What? Where? When? Why? and How?	7 Continue reading at least 20 minutes each night. Talk about the stories.
8 Mother's Day Make Mom break- fast in bed. Tell her why you love her so much.	<i>9</i> Sing the ♪ F-a-v-o- r-i-t-e song and the h-a-p-p-y song	10 Make family dinner time a priority. Enjoy talking to- gether.	11 Skip around the house singing, "Skip to My Lou".	12 How many ways can you combine objects to make 10? Use your fingers or draw sets of objects.	13 Go to the library and get some new bird books to read.	14 Sing, talk and dance with your family everyday.
15	16 Draw pictures and write about what you want to do this Summer.	17 <i>Count backwards</i> <i>from 10 to 1. Count</i> <i>forward from 100</i>	18 Count by 2's to 100. Count by 5's to 100.	19 Talk about your fa- vorite book and au- thor. You are an author too!	20 Enjoy family dinner time together. Build family memories. (No electronics!)	21 Armed Forces Day Make a card and write a letter to someone special.
22 Fix a simple dinner of cheese, fruit and nuts. Sample something new.	23 What do you notice about the weather? What is the temper- ature today?	24 Fingerspell the new "heart words" and then write the en- tire set.	25 Sing family songs and favorite new school songs.	26 Notice the clouds out- side. Be a meteorolo- gist and tell someone about the weather.	27 Tell stories about Grandparents. Talk about family mem- ories.	28 Be an astronomer! Take a night walk and look at the stars. Do you recog- nize any constellations?
29 Eat lunch outside and read a story together	30 Memorial Day Pick flowers for someone you love. Talk about them.	31 Sing the ♪ Summer Is Coming song				

Thank you Parents for teaching your child to love books!

June 2016

Reading is fun, reading is fun, reading is fun for everyone. The more you read, the better you read. So read, read, read!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Continue reading 20 minutes each night—or much longer!	2 Make a list of 10 things you want to do this summer: your bucket list.	3 Draw a picture and make a card for a special relative. Mail it.	4 Read three books today. Tell some- one about your fa- vorite one.
5 Sing and say the days of the week.	6 Count to 100 and beyond.	7 Sing, Sign, and Spell: because, favorite, happy!	8 Practice saying and writing your ad- dress.	9 Count by 2's to 100. Count by 5's to 100.	10 Reread your favorite poems and songs in your "I Can Read" Notebook.	11
12	12 Look for bugs in your back yard. Draw and write about them. Entomologists study bugs .	14 Flag Day Draw a picture of our nation's flag.	15 Sing some of your favorite school songs. Teach them to a younger child.	16 Draw pictures with chalk on the side- walk.	17 Go to the library every week to check out books to read!	18 Take a family walk at night and notice the stars. Astronomers study the sky.
19 Father's Day Make Dad breakfast. Tell him how much you love him. Tell him a joke.	20 Summer Begins Look for birds in your backyard. Ornithologists study birds.	21 Write a letter to your teacher and mail it.	22 Visit a neighbor- hood park.	23 Sleep outside and look at the stars. Do you see any constellations?	24 Help cook dinner with your family.	25 Have a picnic and eat lunch outside.
26	27 Sing your favorite schools songs.	28	29 Play jump rope or hopscotch.	30		1

Thank you for building wonderful summer memories for your child!