



JULY LITERACY CALENDAR - Kindergarten into 1st Grade



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

NOTE TO PARENTS:

Consider having your child use a composition notebook as their writing notebook for the entire summer. Your child will want to share it with their new 1st grade teacher! Let them glue pictures of their favorite people, places and things on the cover to inspire their writing.



1 VISIT THE LIBRARY

Need an idea for a rainy day? Go to the [Middletown Township Public Library](#) for a library card, books, reading lists, eBooks, programs, fun, crafts, & much more.



4 RED, WHITE, & BLUE!

Use red & blue crayons to make a list of words associated with the 4th of July. Adding to the list as the day goes on allows your child to interact with others & develop meaning behind their writing.



5 NONFICTION

Choose a nonfiction book or magazine like [Ranger Rick](#) or [High Five](#) to read with your child. Share something new you learned.



6 FINE MOTOR FUN

Collect shells from the beach this summer. Experiment and mix paints together as you paint shells outside with friends.



7 WRITTEN IN THE SAND

Encourage your child to practice their writing and drawing skills in the sand. Have them use a shell as a "magic pencil."



8 SILLY SONGS

Singing & dancing are great ways for your child to show expression. Print & read the lyrics to one of your child's favorite songs.



11 JUST IN CASE

Memorization is an important skill to teach your child in the event that there is an emergency. Practice teaching your child their address and telephone number.



12 PUPPET SHOW PARADISE

Use paper bags to create a puppet of one of your child's favorite characters from their favorite story. Retell the story by putting on a puppet show for everyone!



13 CAPS FOR SALE

Read the story *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina. Create a new cap with your child for the peddler to try and sell.



14 MEMORY MATCHING

Use index cards to write sight words. Mix & spread them out. See how many matches you can make!



15 STORY STOPPING

Read a story and stop before the ending. Ask your child to make a prediction of how they think the story will end.



18 VOWEL SOUNDS

Encourage sounding out words whenever your child is writing this summer. Middle vowel sounds may be tricky.



19 COMFY LIBRARY!

Create a library in the comfort of your reader's favorite place... THE BATH TUB! No water – just pillows, stuffed animals & books displayed all around. Grab a book, be comfy & read! Perfect for a sleepover!

20 BINGO

Fun for everyone! Print [Bingo Boards and Cards](#) to practice sight words and numbers. Use marker dabbers or a favorite snack as the "bingo chips."

21 MY MAP

Take a map from a place you visit this summer. Help your child design a map of the place they know best – HOME!

22 "CHALK" IT UP

Have your child practice writing their first & last name, using different colored sidewalk chalk outside.



25 BE A SENTENCE MAKER

Put sight words and pictures on index cards. Practice forming sentences together.



26 BEACH BALL RHYMING!

Use the beach ball as a learning tool. Either at the beach or in the pool, hit it or throw it back and forth as you say & spell sight words, words that rhyme, synonyms, and antonyms.



27 ON THE GO.....

Literacy is fun anywhere. Keep these learning tools in your bags this summer. You can get them at any dollar store!

1. Dry erase board & marker
2. Composition Notebook

28 BACKYARD BBQ

"What do you like on your hot dog & hamburgers" is a great question for your child to ask family & friends as they walk around with a notebook at a weekend BBQ.

29 VACATION TIME!
















Draw or take pictures of all the fun places you go this summer. Put each memory on a new page. Write & share your experiences by adding details to your words & pictures.





AUGUST LITERACY CALENDAR - Kindergarten into 1st Grade



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<p>1 PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT! Writing practice is always encouraged. Create writing worksheets for your child to practice their name and sight words. Remember - top to bottom, & left to right when showing your child.</p>	<p>2 WATER BALLOON TOSS Toss water balloons back and forth as your child practices spelling words out loud!</p> 	<p>3 BEAUTIFUL BOOKS Redesign a book cover for one of your child's favorite book. Be creative & use details!</p> 	<p>4 RETELL RACING After reading a story by the pool, encourage your child & friends to retell the story using words like first, next, then, & finally. As one child jumps in, the following child must tell what happens next before they can jump in!</p>	<p>5 STAMP STORIES Create stamps out of sponges and use them in place of words as you write a sentence or story.</p> 
<p>8 YOU SCREAM, I SCREAM Everyone loves ice cream! Discuss how-to make an ice cream sundae with your child! From getting out the ice cream & toppings, to enjoying every last bite!</p> 	<p>9 WORD RINGS Reading cards with pictures that have the word written next to it will not only build sight word and vocabulary recognition, but also oral reading fluency skills as well. Make it a game by using a timer to see your child's accuracy.</p> 	<p>10 BUBBLE TALK! Mix and make your own bubbles & bubble wand. Talk about the steps it takes to complete these tasks.</p> 	<p>11 HOMEMADE GLOWING BATH PAINT Use a muffin tin, shaving cream, and a drop of (safe) glow in the dark paint for each color you choose. Have your child finger paint their name and sight words and on the walls of your shower! What a fun and easy way to learn and the mess washes right down the drain.</p>	<p>12 CONNECTION CHAIN Making connections to our books & everyday lives is an important reading strategy. By asking your child "what did this story make you think of," their ability to make connections will continue to improve.</p> 
<p>15 ONE FISH, TWO FISH, RED FISH, BLUE FISH! Read this book by Dr. Seuss and use colored Swedish fish to sort and count afterwards.</p>	<p>16 FAMILY FUN Create a family tree & have your child draw everyone's portrait. Use details and labels to explain.</p> 	<p>17 EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! Help your child cut words out of newspapers and magazines. Arrange them on paper to make sentences.</p>	<p>18 WRITE A LETTER Help your child write a letter to a family member. Put a stamp on, mail it, & wait for a response.</p> 	<p>19 CREATIVE CARDS Use the rules of common card games like "Go Fish" and "Uno." to practice sight word and number recognition.</p> 
<p>22 FAVORITE MEMORY Talk about your child's favorite summer memory. Draw a picture and write about it together.</p> 	<p>23 PERSONAL PUZZLE Paint the pieces of an old jigsaw puzzle. Let them dry & then put it together. Draw or paint a picture on the puzzle. Scramble the pieces & have someone else put it together.</p> 	<p>24 BOOK BAGGIES Use a Ziploc bag for your child to carry and bring their favorite books wherever you go. Having books available at all times will encourage your child to read much more!</p> 	<p>25 LET'S GO GROCERY SHOPPING! Talk to your child about what you need to buy at the grocery store. Using the weekly sale circulars, have your child cut pictures of those items & glue them onto a blank piece of paper. Encourage your child to write down the name of each item next to the picture. Take your child, along with the grocery list he/she made, with you when it's time to go shopping.</p>	<p>26 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST Make a list of things you will need for school. Cut & glue items using the circulars from the mail.</p> 
<p>29 MY OWN TOWN Tape a shower liner to the kitchen floor. Draw road lines & landscapes with sharpie markers. Allow your child to use markers & add details as they design a town of their own</p>	<p>30 READ THE ROAD Use road signs & license plates to play letter and word hunt games</p> 	<p>31 WILD ABOUT WATERMELON? Read the book, <i>The Watermelon Seed</i> by Greg Pizzoli, (Have a watermelon available for the activity after you read the story.) Talk about the story, the characters, details, and your child's favorite part. Then cut the watermelon into different sizes & shapes. Discuss the changes in shape as you cut and count the number of seeds. Use the seeds of the watermelon to create a detailed illustration – one from the book, or one of your own</p> 