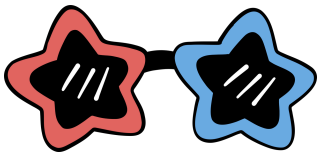
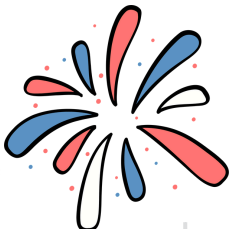


July 2025

Kindergarten Readiness



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Play is your child's work. When they pretend, build, explore, and ask "why?" they're growing their brain, problem-solving, and learning new words!		1 Dance to your favorite song and freeze when it stops. Try silly poses!.	2 Help your child wash their face and brush teeth, talk through each step.	3 Practice animal walks: hop like a frog, slither like a snake, crawl like a bear.	4 Draw fireworks with crayons or chalk. Add swirls and bursts!	5 Go to your local library and check out July's books!
6 Go outside and find something red, white, and blue.	7 Read a book with a friend or stuffed animal. Let your child turn the pages.	8 Practice zipping, buttoning, or snapping clothing together.	9 Practice using scissors to cut lines or shapes from old magazines.	10 Sing the "Swim Like A Fish" Song <small>(Words are on the back.)</small>	11 Play "I Spy" with colors around the house or outside.	12 Pretend to go camping. Make a tent from blankets and tell a story.
13 Try blowing bubbles (or pretend!). Can you pop them with your elbow?	14 Sort spoons, forks, and knives while helping set the table. What else can you sort?	15 Draw a face with different emotions, talk about what each one means..	16 Make a pattern using toys or nature items (like leaf-rock-leaf-rock).	17 Use playdough to roll snakes, pinch into shapes, or stamp letters with a fork or cup.	18 Go on a shape hunt around your house. Can you find a circle, square, triangle, and rectangle?	19 Go on a "texture hunt." Find something rough, smooth, soft, and bumpy.
20 Pretend to be different community helpers, like firefighters, bakers, or vets!	21 Practice counting backwards from 5 like a rocket ship. Blast off! Now how about 10?	22 Sing the "Five Little Fireworks" Song <small>(Words are on the back)</small>	23 Play "What's Missing?" Lay out 3 objects, hide one, can they guess?	24 Practice lacing beads or dry pasta onto string or a shoelace.	25 Count your steps while you march, jump, or tiptoe!	26 Schedule a playdate.
27 Play a rhyming game! Say a word like "cat" and see how many silly rhymes you can think of (hat, bat, splat!).	28 Write your child's name in large letters and have them decorate it with stickers or drawings.	29 Turn a cardboard box into a pretend car, rocket ship, or castle. Let your child decorate it!	30 Play "Letter Detective." Pick a letter of the day and look for it on signs, boxes, or labels.	31 Sink or float? Fill a bowl with water and test small items (spoon, crayon, leaf). What sinks? What floats?	Follow Their Lead: Notice what sparks your child's curiosity. Are they into bugs, trucks, or music? Use their interests to fuel reading, counting, talking, and exploring.	

Build a Love of Reading Every Day! You don't need fancy books or lots of time to help your child become a strong reader. Just a few minutes a day makes a big difference! Try reading at the same time each day—like before bed or after lunch. Let your child choose books they enjoy, even if you've read them many times. Talk about the pictures, guess what happens next, and read signs or labels. Everyday moments help grow language and a love of reading.

SWIM LIKE A FISH

Sung to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

Swim, swim, swim around

In the summer sea!

(pretend to swim with your arms)

Wiggle like a little fish

Swimming fast and free!

(wiggle body and move hands like fins)

Blow, blow, blow some bubbles

Make them big and round

(pretend to blow bubbles with lips and hands)

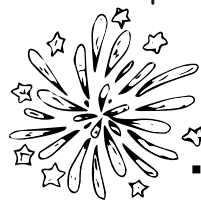
Watch them float up to the top

Then pop without a sound!

(clap hands gently for "pop!")



FIVE LITTLE FIREWORKS



**Five little fireworks, up in the sky,
One went BOOM! and flew way high!**

(clap or jump on BOOM!)

**Four little fireworks, pretty to see,
One went BOOM! as loud as can be!**

(clap or jump on BOOM!)

**Three little fireworks, red, white, and blue,
One went BOOM! and the others did too!**

(clap or jump on BOOM!)

**Two little fireworks, up they go,
One went BOOM! with a golden glow!**

(clap or jump on BOOM!)

**One little firework, last to fly,
It went BOOM! and lit up the sky!**

(clap or jump on BOOM!)

**All the fireworks are done for the night,
Now we wave and say goodnight!**

(wave hands)

Books to Read this Month

Check out these books at the library. If they are not available, ask the librarian for a recommendation.

FOR READERS AGES 0–3

Summer Babies

by Kathryn O. Galbraith

I Am So Brave!

by Stephen Krensky

FOR READERS AGES 3+

The Octopus Escapes

by Malie Meloy

A Unicorn on a Unicycle

by Lynda Graham-Barber

