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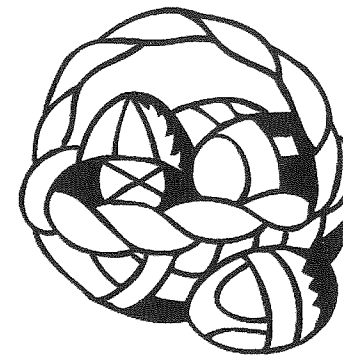
Name _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><u>Every day -</u> <u>choose a story</u> <u>for someone to</u> <u>read to you.</u></p>					<p>1 Tell someone today's date. What special days are in April?</p>
<p>2 Memorize a page in an easy book. Touch each word as you say it.</p>	<p>3 Think of things that are hot. Someone can make a list of these for you.</p>	<p>4 Think of things that begin with 'w'.</p>	<p>5 Look at the clocks in your house. Read the numbers. Can you tell time a bit?</p>	<p>6 Look at a thermometer. What is the temperature?</p>	<p>7 Draw a picture of animals. Have someone help you print a sentence about it.</p>	<p>8 How many times can you bounce a ball?</p>
<p>9 How far can you count? I can count to _____.</p>	<p>10 Memorize a page in an easy book. Touch each word as you say it.</p>	<p>11 Have someone print the names of 5 pets. Can you read the words?</p>	<p>12 Think of things that begin with 'L' and 'l'.</p>	<p>13 Can you find signs of Spring? Talk to someone about the signs of Spring.</p>	<p>14 Good Friday. Draw an Easter picture.</p>	<p>15 Go outdoors and run, run, run! Get someone in your family to run with you.</p>
<p>16 Easter Sunday. Do something nice for someone in your family.</p>	<p>17 Have a letter hunt! Find the letter 'X' and 'x' in many places.</p>	<p>18 Count to 20. Count backwards from 20.</p>	<p>19 Think of things that begin with 'd'.</p>	<p>20 Practice printing the number eight. Draw 8 fish. Print the numbers to 10.</p>	<p>21 Tomorrow is Earth Day. Have someone tell you about it.</p>	<p>22 Today is Earth Day. Tell someone what you can do to help our earth.</p>
<p>23 Play a game with someone.</p>	<p>24 How far can you count? I can count to _____.</p>	<p>25 Draw a spring picture. Tell someone about it.</p>	<p>26 Have a letter hunt! Find the letter 'Z' and 'z' in many places.</p>	<p>27 Count backwards from 20. Practice it!</p>	<p>28 Draw a picture of Spring. Have some- one help you print a sentence about it.</p>	<p>29 Memorize a page in an easy book. Touch each word as you say it.</p>
<p>30 Count the stars on this paper.</p>						

Did you do your homework every day? Put a star on every day that you did the work!

April Tips for Parents:

Don't forget to read to your child every day! Try *The Frog and Toad* series by Arnold Lobel and *The Little Bear Series* by Else Holmelund Minarik (with illustrations by Maurice Sendak who wrote and illustrated *Where the Wild Things Are*). These early reading books are fun, and your child can pick out words that are repeated throughout the stories. When children can find words in the story tell them that they can read these words! You could also put these words on word cards and add them to the pile of known words.



Read more difficult books by Dr. Seuss - *Yertle the Turtle*, *Thidwick*, *the Big-Hearted Moose*, *McElligot's Pool*, etc.

If your child knows most of the letter sounds, this month read and spell three letter words with the short 'a' sound (the sound of 'a' in apple). Read and spell words like mat, sad, fan, bat, ham, gas, etc. There are lists of these words in the 'Freebies for Parents' section of the website below. Stretch the words out so the child can hear all the letter sounds.

Have your child print a list of the words he/she knows how to spell. Begin with his/her name, and then I, a, and other easy words. Increasing this list will help with writing in Grade One.

When printing numbers and letters, always begin at the top of each. Teach the child to print his/her name with a capital letter in the beginning and then lower case letters. Tracing letters with the finger on different surfaces (carpet, clothes, dish) helps the child to remember, saying the letter name at the same time.

Play Concentration. Remove the ace and face cards from a deck of cards. Shuffle the cards, then lay them out on the table face down in rows. Take turns turning over two cards, looking for pairs. If your cards match, you take the cards and have another turn. If they do not match, you turn them back over and it is the other person's turn. You want to remember where the cards are so you can match them. The person with the most cards at the end wins.

Talk to your child about the things that you see. In the grocery store produce section, talk about the different fruits and vegetables. Name them, and talk about which ones grow on trees or underground, which are leaves or flowers or seeds.

For homework help, go to www.primarysuccess.ca and then to the 'Parents' link. There are lots of free things for you!