



# Get Ready to Read

## with Medina County District Library

### Word Games On-the-Go

As parents, we are often on a long drive or waiting in a doctor's office with our children. These simple word games can help pass the time while building your child's letter awareness and increasing their attention span. The games are easy to play and make learning fun.

**I Spy** – Give this classic game a twist by looking for items that all begin with the same phonetic sound. "I spy with my little eye something that starts with the letter B." If needed, give a hint: "It starts with the B sound and you can read it."

**Family Names** – It is silly fun to change names so they all start with the same letter sound. Example: "Let's change everyone's name to start with the S sound, so Mommy becomes Sommy, and Grandma becomes Sandma." Include siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. When you run out of names, simply change the beginning letter.

**Categories** – Play this easy categorization game by starting each sentence with the words: "I'm thinking of..." Choose items they're very familiar with such as kinds of fruit or things that are red. Take turns naming as many items as possible. Options are plentiful so quickly change the category when ideas start to run out. Other options include kinds of balls, favorite toys, animals at the zoo, and things that go.

### Song

#### B-I-N-G-O

There was a farmer who had a dog  
and Bingo was his name - O  
B-I-N-G-O  
B-I-N-G-O  
B-I-N-G-O  
And Bingo was his name - O



Repeat, but clap instead of saying B.  
Each verse drop a letter and clap in its place.

### Books to Read

*Ahoy!* by Sophie Blackall

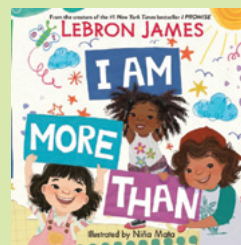
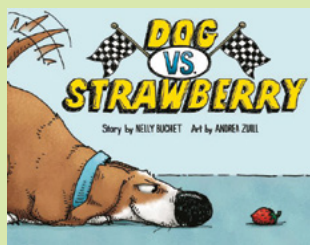
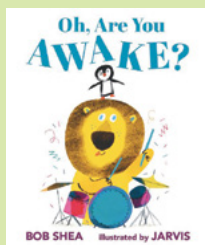
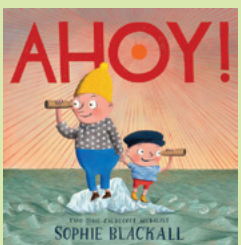
*Oh, Are You Awake?* by Bob Shea

*Dog Vs. Strawberry* by Nelly Buchet

*I Am More Than* by LeBron James

*Roar-Choo!* by Charlotte Cheng

*Mama in the Moon* by Doreen Cronin





# May 2024



## Fun activities to promote literacy and learning

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Say as many words as you can think of that rhyme with May.	<b>2</b> Help with the laundry. How many different colored shirts are there?	<b>3</b> Read a book about farm animals and sing <i>Old MacDonald</i> .	<b>4</b> Pretend you are a caterpillar, a butterfly, a bug, and a bird. How do you move?
<b>5</b> What is heavier, a grape or an orange? Your coat or your mom's coat?	<b>6</b> Go for a walk and look for signs of spring. What did you see?	<b>7</b> Draw a spring picture of what you saw on your walk yesterday.	<b>8</b> Learn the song <i>B-I-N-G-O</i> . (Words on other side.)	<b>9</b> Make a card for someone you love today.	<b>10</b> Sort blocks by colors. Which color has the most? Which has the biggest?	<b>11</b> Take turns singing all the nursery rhymes you know.
<b>12</b> Practice writing the letter M for May and Mom.	<b>13</b> Sing your favorite song. Sing it super slow. Sing it super fast.	<b>14</b> Invite your favorite stuffed animals to have a picnic with you.	<b>15</b> Help make dinner tonight. Sing a song about what you are doing.	<b>16</b> What are your favorite colors? Why do you like them?	<b>17</b> Talk about ways you can be nice to your neighbor.	<b>18</b> Count how many birds and bunnies are in your yard.
<b>19</b> Go outside and look at the clouds. Can you make out anything in the different shapes?	<b>20</b> Have a daytime sleepover! Wear PJs, tell stories, and play games.	<b>21</b> Go to the park. Run, jump, and explore new things.	<b>22</b> Tell a friend about what your stuffed animals do when you are away.	<b>23</b> Talk about the sunshine. What do you like to do on a sunny day?	<b>24</b> Go on a scavenger hunt. Find one item for each color of the rainbow.	<b>25</b> Play with blocks. How tall can you stack them? Can you build a tower as tall as you are?
<b>26</b> Read a rhyming book like <i>The Pout Pout Fish</i> .	<b>27</b> Visit the library.	<b>28</b> Sing and dance the <i>Hokey Pokey</i> .	<b>29</b> Draw a rainbow on the sidewalk with chalk.	<b>30</b> Read a book about flowers and gardening.	<b>31</b> Plant a garden. How many seeds did you plant?	

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