

August 2023

Daily literacy-building activities
to share with your child

sunday



monday



tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

saturday

6 PLAYING

Make up your own fairy tale with your child. Start with "Once upon a time..."

7 WRITING

Pour a layer of flour into a tray. Ask your child to write letters in the flour using their fingers.

8 READING

Show your child the cover of a book, then ask them to tell you a story based on the pictures on the cover.

9 PLAYING

Create a menu using pictures of food cut out from magazines.

10 SINGING

Sing the alphabet song together.



11 WRITING

Bring paper and crayons to the park. Ask your child to draw a picture of something they see.

12 MATH

Think of a number between 1-10. Ask your child to guess the number. Tell them if it is higher or lower until they guess correctly.

13 WRITING

Collect leaves and have your child practice their cutting skills with child-friendly scissors.

14 READING

Tape letters to a wall. Say the letter's sound. Ask your child to find the correct letter.

15 PLAYING

Have a picnic outside. Ask your child how many birds they see.

16 SINGING

Listen to instrumental music together. Ask how each song makes your child feel.

17 WRITING

Have your child color a picture using shades of only one color.

18 SCIENCE

Explore the science of wind! Challenge your child to see how long they can keep a feather in the air by blowing on it.

19 READING

Put on your pajamas and read a bedtime story together in the middle of the day.

20 READING

At the grocery store, help your child read words on packages as you place them in your cart.

21 PLAYING

Pretend your house is a hotel. Ask your child to "check in" yourself and other family members.

22 SINGING

Sing your child's favorite song together. Then sing it again using only silly, nonsense words.

23 WRITING

Ask your child to draw a picture of where they would like to go on your next family vacation.

24 MATH

Use a ruler or tape measure to discover the height of your child's favorite toy.

25 READING

Read your child your favorite book from when you were their age.

26 PLAYING

Play a game of slow motion tag with your child.

27 PLAYING

Go on a rainbow hunt with your child. Look for each color of the rainbow on toys, clothes, food, etc.

28 SINGING

Hum the tune of a familiar song. Ask your child if they can identify the song.

29 WRITING

Practice "Here Is The Beehive" with your child.

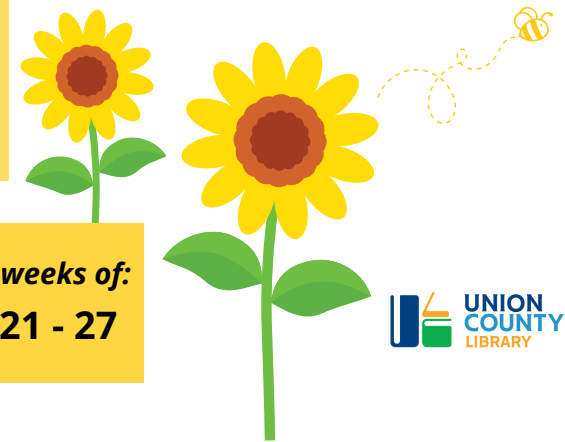
Words on back ↪

30 SCIENCE

Ask your child to measure ingredients with you as you are making dinner.

31 READING

Go over the parts of a book with your child. Point out the cover, spine, and title page.



Save your spot at Storytime today!

Scan QR code, call 704-283-8184 or register at any library location.

Storytime will take a break during the weeks of:
AUGUST 14 - 20 and AUGUST 21 - 27



Watermelon Oobleck

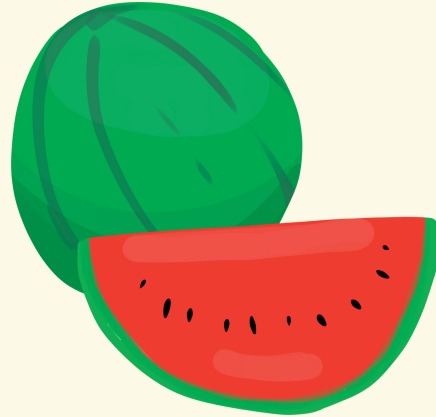
Make slime using a real watermelon!

Ingredients

- 1 watermelon
- 1-2 boxes of cornstarch

Supplies

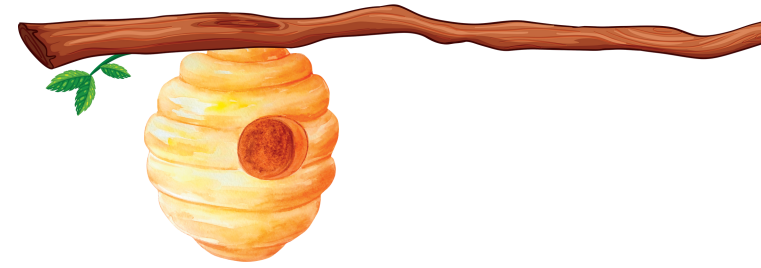
- Spoon or melon baller
- Blender (optional)



- Cut a watermelon in half.
- Have your child use the spoon or melon baller to scoop out the red, fleshy inside of the watermelon. Collect in a separate bowl.
- Crush chunks of watermelon using your hands or a blender until there are no lumps left in the contents of the bowl.
- Mix cornstarch into the liquid in the bowl.
 - 1 part corn starch to 1.5 or 2 parts watermelon juice.
 - If your oobleck is too dry and powdery, add more water.
 - If it is too runny, add more corn starch.



Experiment with adding more water or corn starch until you notice a consistency that is difficult to squeeze or punch, but will drip out of your hands when you hold it for more than a few moments. That is how you will know you have the right consistency.



HERE IS THE BEEHIVE

Here is the beehive
(hold out one fist)

But where are the bees?

Hiding inside where nobody sees
(point to fist)

Watch as the bees
come out of their hive
(count on fingers)

1...2...3...4...5!

(wave hands quickly)

Buzzzzz!