







# Ready, Set, Kindergarten!

## Weekly Calendar

Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Use this calendar as a reminder to do at least one early literacy activity daily. Fill in what you did, use check marks, or have your child color in the box! (see examples below)

Activity	Example	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
 <b>Reading</b>	Read a non-fiction book!							
 <b>Writing</b>	Draw a picture and then caption it!			✓				
 <b>Singing</b>	Read an illustrated song book!							
 <b>Talking</b>	Play "I Spy" as you walk or drive down the street!							
 <b>Playing</b>	Create patterns with colored blocks or Legos!							

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## The Five Early Literacy Practices\*

You can use this calendar to plan and track daily early literacy activities for your 3-5 year old! Reading, Writing, Singing, Talking and Playing are great ways to develop language and literacy skills that will help get your child ready for school, and ready to read. Attend an RSK program ([bklynlib.org/rskcalendar](http://bklynlib.org/rskcalendar)) to learn new activities, or follow the guidelines below to create your own!



### Reading

- *Read with your child every day!*
- Reading together helps them get ready to read on their own.
- Reading together increases vocabulary, general knowledge and narrative skills.



### Writing

- *Help your children get ready to write by letting them draw and scribble.*
- Caption your children's drawings to help them understand the connection between ideas and words.
- Play dough, puzzles and block building help develop fine motor skills needed for writing.



### Singing

- *Singing is a wonderful way to learn new words and concepts.*
- Singing slows down language so that children hear the smaller sounds in words.
- Clapping along to the rhythm in songs helps children hear the syllables in words.



### Talking

- *Engage in rich conversation daily with children to help them learn new words and concepts.*
- Stretch your child's vocabulary adding language and asking open ended questions to your conversations.
- Books are great conversations starters. Talk to your children about what you read together.



### Playing

- *Give your children lots of chances for free play during the day.*
- Support their play by describing what they're doing and asking questions.
- Play encourages them to learn and use new words, and to express themselves using language.

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