



EARLY LEARNER PROGRAM

May 24 to July 2, 2021

CHILD'S NAME: _____ AGE: _____ PHONE#: _____

Welcome to the RUBBER DUCK CLUB for children 0-4!

Follow the paw print trail to earn three different rubber ducks and a FREE book at the end!

Each paw print lists a different activity category an adult can do with their child. You'll find fun suggestions for each category on the back of this sheet. Whenever you and your child complete an activity, help them color/circle/mark off that paw print. Each time you reach a rubber duck, show your sheet to a library staff member to collect a duck. When you've reached the finish line, turn in your sheet to receive your book! You may also send a photo of your sheet to CentervilleSummer@gmail.com if you prefer. (See available prize books at www.tiny.cc/srpbooks).

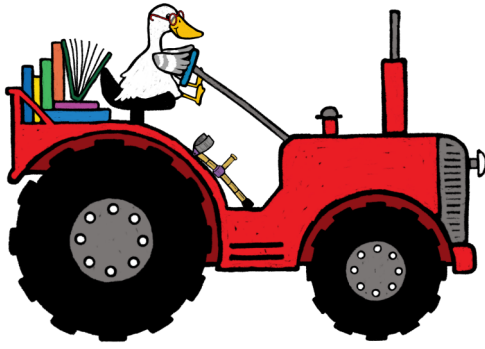
START...

...FINISH

Trail 1: Duck 1 → READ → DRAW → SING → TALK → SING → PLAY → DRAW → Duck 2

Trail 2: Duck 2 → READ → DRAW → SING → TALK → TALK → SING → PLAY → DRAW → Duck 3

Trail 3: Duck 3 → READ → Lion with books



ACTIVITY IDEAS

READ...

- Read a bedtime story to your child.
- Read to your child outside.
- Read to your child while they eat a snack.
- Snuggle up with your child as you read a picture book.
- Look at the cover of a book and ask your child to predict what the story might be about.
- As you read, ask your child to guess what happens next.
- Follow the text with your finger as you read with your child.
- Read a book with flaps or textures your child can touch.
- Let your baby hold a board book and turn the pages on their own.
- Encourage your child to act out a book as you read it.

SING...

- Sing the alphabet song to learn about letters.
- Sing nursery rhymes like “The Itsy Bitsy Spider.”
- Clap along to the rhythm in songs to help children hear the syllables.
- Sing spelling songs like B-I-N-G-O. Try it with your own names!
- Use empty bowls or cooking pots and spoons as drums.
- Sing a lullaby before bed or a happy wake-up song in the morning. [youtube.com/jbrary](https://www.youtube.com/jbrary) is a great resource!
- Play Freeze Dance—play some upbeat music and tell your child to stop moving every time you pause the music. Gradually play slower music to help your child wind down.
- Insert your child’s name and/or other family members’ names into songs and rhymes like Mary Had a Little Lamb or Jack Be Nimble.

TALK...

- Name objects around your house with your child.
- Point to a picture of an animal and ask your child what sound it makes.
- Teach your child body part names while tickling them or getting them dressed.
- Point out different colors or shapes in a book. Ask your child to point to objects you name.

- Narrate your actions for your child when doing chores around the house.
- Stretch your child’s vocabulary. Repeat what your child says and use new words. “You want a banana? That’s a very healthy choice.” Or, “Yes, we did see a truck like that last week. It’s called a bulldozer.”
- Take turns listing different types of things in a category (e.g., SHOES – sandals, sneakers, slippers, boots, etc.)

DRAW/WRITE...

- Give your child paper and crayons to color or scribble.
- Make edible finger paint by adding food coloring to Greek yogurt.
- Give your child a piece of paper with dashed lines on it for them to trace.
- Write letters on the sidewalk with chalk. Give your child a big paintbrush and bowl of water and show them how to trace the letters with the wet paintbrush. Help them say the letters as they go. You can also practice numbers or shapes.
- Make your own sidewalk paint with food coloring and water! Put it in squeeze bottles or use paint brushes.
- Talk to your child about what they are drawing and write captions or stories together.
- Let your child watch you write a grocery list. Make a simple list with pictures and ask your child to cross off items as you shop.
- Show your child how to make lines and shapes in sand or dirt using their finger or a stick.

PLAY...

- Encourage dramatic play with dress-up clothes and other household props.
- Encourage your child to pretend to read a book to you.
- Let your child help in the kitchen with mixing and stirring.
- Help your child sort dirty clothes into piles by colors.
- Blow bubbles and ask your child to chase and catch them.
- Take your child for a walk in a park or your backyard. Talk to them about the different animals you see.
- Play “Peek-a-Boo” with a scarf or blanket. Hide toys under the blanket and ask your child to find them.
- Play a simple scavenger hunt with your child. Help them find things around the house or yard that you can sort into two different categories (smooth/rough; big/small; etc.).