The Reading Calendar

Reading every day—including in the summer—helps improve a child's reading skills. These daily activities involve reading and related skills. Encourage your reader to pick and choose among them and to come up with his/her own activities—seven days a week.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Read the cereal box.	Invent a code. Use it for sending a message to a friend.	Make a reading poster. Hang it in your room.	List your favorite foods. Now put them in A-B-C order.	Read a story to a family member.	Make a list of your favorite books. Share it with a friend.	How many smaller words can you make out of "weekend"?
Draw a picture of a character from a book you are reading.	Read a recipe. Make it for your family's next meal.	Make your own joke book. Collect jokes and riddles from friends and family.	Pretend you are going to visit another city. Write to the visitor center for more information.	The first UFO was reported in 1947. Read a science fiction book in honor of this "sighting."	Write a letter to a friend or family member.	Draw a picture postcard of an imaginary place. Write a message on the back.
Tape record yourself reading your favorite storybook.	Read a poem. Write one of your own.	Describe a friend or family member using the letters of his/her name: SAM=Smart, Athletic, Messy	Talk to your family members about their favorite books.	Read the words to a song.	Write a story about yourself.	Ask a grandparent or older friend to tell you a story about his or her childhood.
Cut out words from a newspaper or a magazine. Paste them on paper to make a telegram.	Read a scary story with the lights out, using a flashlight.	Look out a window and write down what you see.	Write a story about something you like doing.	Read a story that takes place in another country. Find that country on a map. What language is used there?	List all of the ways you used reading today.	Write new words to a favorite tune.