



Rinker's Readers 30 Day Literacy Challenge. Make Everyday FUN with Books!

The goal of this challenge is to share the experience of reading as a family and to have FUN! Use this challenge as a guide. If something doesn't work in your schedule-skip it, or rearrange the days if it's better for you. Enjoy the process of promoting literacy and learning together. Please share with Rinker's Readers the activities your family especially enjoys! We would LOVE pictures! #30dayreadingchallenge

Day	Today's Literacy Challenge
1	Read three books with your child today. If your child is old enough, allow him to pick the books. If not, choose books that are fun, engaging, and sensory.
2	Unplug today. Instead of turning on the TV, sit together as a family and read. You can each read your own books or read one book together. Make it fun and cozy. If your children see you reading, they will want to read!
3	If you haven't already done so, go to your public library and get a library card! Our public libraries are awesome resources and provide so many great opportunities for our children. If you already have a library card, go to the library today and let your kiddo check out a fun, new book!
4	Make letters, words, and shapes in sand, whip cream and/or finger paint. Depending on your child's age, have him mimic your writing or just point out what you have done. Talk, talk talk!
5	Act out or sing a favorite story today. Be silly. Put on costumes and use different voices for characters. Make the story really come alive.
6	Read a favorite story or poem and then write one together. Make it special by getting the whole family involved. Add in yesterday's challenge by acting this one out too!
7	Find pictures either online or in books and take turns telling each other stories about what you think is happening based on the pictures.
8	Work on letter recognition today by choosing one letter to focus on (maybe the first letter of your child's name) and pointing out the letter every time you see it throughout the day.
9	Do you have a reading nook for your child yet? If not, today's your day to make one...together! Find a cozy spot somewhere in your house. Find some blankets and pillows. Make sure there is good lighting. Find a crate or canvas tote (nothing sharp) and fill it with books appropriate for your child's age. After you make your nook, take time to read in it together letting your kiddo pick which books to read.
10	Go outside today and talk about things you see. Cars, leaves, trees, people, colors, different shapes. Try to relate things you see to things you have read together in books. Make connections.
11	At dinner tonight (or breakfast or lunch!) talk as a family about the different colors, tastes, and textures of the meal. Discuss sweet, sour, crunchy, soft, gooey, etc. Have older children make predictions about what the different foods will taste like before he eats them!
12	Be techy today...go on a website like pbs.org, readingrockets.org, or scholastic.org, and pick out

	a fun activity to do as a family. These three sites are awesome literacy resources.
13	Have another Unplug Day. Put at least 20 minutes aside today for the whole family to unplug from technology (TV, phones, tablets, etc) and just read. Have everyone choose one book to read together.
14	Have your child explore someplace new today; someplace he has never been before. Use this as an opportunity to either point out new things (for younger kiddos) or to ask questions (older kiddos). Ideas: a park/playground, a restaurant, or a trail your family has never visited before.
15	Check out your local library's website and discover what events they have to offer. Local libraries are a great place to go to for free and fun story hours, craft labs, and more! Register for an event.
16	Have fun with chalk today! Write the alphabet, shapes, or just scribble colors. For younger kiddos, talk about what you're drawing. For older kids, have them mimic what you draw. This is fun to do outside on a sidewalk too and you can have them hop from one shape, letter, or number, to the next.
17	Repeat day 1 and read three books together today!
18	Play a guessing game today. This can be played anywhere-a version of "I Spy". Describe something you see and have your child try to guess what it is...you can describe it visually, or by saying what sound it makes. Take turns giving clues and guessing.
19	Make a literacy kit together today. A literacy kit-aka "fun in a bag"-is a great tool to have in the car, restaurants, or just out and about. Try to create the kit using a theme. If you want a counting kit, find a couple of counting books, print out some number coloring/tracing pages from online, put in a 5 pack of crayons, and a small baggie of cut out shapes-assorted-that your child can sort and count. Throw it all in a gallon ziploc bag and you have a Literacy Kit! Email us if you would like more ideas on how to create fun and interactive literacy kits.
20	Have fun with riddles and rhymes today. Make up your own or find some rhymes online. Do a few this way, then have your kiddo finish a riddle. Even if it doesn't rhyme, you will all have fun!
21	Seasons Challenge: Go to the library and find 3 or 4 books all related to the season of fall. Check them out, read them together, and then go outside to look for the different things you read about.
22	Drawing Day: Use plain notebook paper, crayons or markers, whatever is best for your child. As you draw, talk about it. When you are done, hang the drawings up in your cozy reading nook!
23	Repeat day 12: find some fun activities on an educational website like nurturestore.co.uk or handsonaswegrow.com . Another fun resource for ideas is pinterst.
24	Another read three books together day! Enjoy! Have you taken any pictures of you and your family completing the 30 Day Literacy Challenge? If so, <i>please email them</i> to rinkersreaders@gmail.com so we can spread the love of reading!
25	Cooking Fest! Make a meal as a family today. Get out a recipe and talk to your child as you make your meal. Talk about the different ingredients, measurements, and steps. Let your kiddo help out when appropriate, maybe stirring, or after you chop vegetables, have him put them in the bowl/pan!

26	Library Stop: Let your child pick out a book or two, and it's important that parents do the same. Let them see what you are reading and that you enjoy reading too. Stay at the library a little longer than normal, find a spot to cuddle together and read.
27	One more unplug day! Put at least 20 minutes aside today for the whole family to unplug from technology (TV, phones, tablets, etc) and just read. Have each of you choose one book to read all together.
28	Make a quick and easy scavenger hunt with pictures and words (for example, a picture of a bear and the word "bear") Post the pictures all over your house and have your kiddo go on a fun scavenger hunt. Give clues and talk about each picture. Make up stories to go along with each too!
29	Read a book out loud today and have your child draw pictures to "illustrate" what you read. Talk about what is drawn. Compare to the pictures in the book if you want.
30	What was your child's favorite activity for the challenge? Repeat it today and take a picture while doing it. Please send the picture to rinkersreaders@gmail.com so we can spread the reading love!

We hope you and your family enjoyed the 30 Day Rinker's Readers Literacy Challenge! We would love to hear about your experience and see pictures!