

National Book Lovers Day Activities

Infant Activities (Birth–12 months)

1) Book Basket + Tummy Time Read-Aloud

Materials: board books, cloth books, textured “touch-and-feel” books

How: Place books in a low basket; offer 2–3 short reads during tummy time.

Teacher talk: “Look at the baby! I see a dog! Woof-woof!”

2) Sound Play: “Repeat After Me”

Materials: simple rhyme books

How: Read one page, pause, repeat fun sounds (“ba-ba,” “mmm,” “shh”).

Teacher talk: “Your turn...ba-ba!”

3) Photo Book of Familiar Faces

Materials: laminated photos of classroom routines/teachers (binder rings)

How: Flip through and name people and feelings.

Teacher talk: “That’s Ms. ___. She says hi!”

Young Toddler Activities (12–24 months)

4) Sticker Story Pages

Materials: paper, large stickers, crayons

How: Child places stickers; teacher narrates: “The cat goes...!”

Teacher talk: “Tell me about your picture.”



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5) “Find It” Book Scavenger Hunt

Materials: a few books laid out

How: Call out: “Find a book with an animal!” (help as needed)

Teacher talk: “You found it! Let’s read together.”

6) Puppet + Book Corner

Materials: 1–2 puppets, favorite repetitive books

How: Puppet “listens” and reacts during the read-aloud.

Teacher talk: “Puppet loves books too!”

Toddler Activities (2–3 years)

7) Class Favorite Vote

Materials: 3 book covers printed, dot stickers

How: Each child votes for a favorite; count dots together.

Teacher talk: “Which one do you want to read again?”

8) Story Retell with Props

Materials: felt pieces, toy animals, sequence cards

How: Read, then let kids retell using props.

Teacher talk: “First...then...what happened?”

9) Make-a-Bookmark

Materials: cardstock strips, crayons, stickers, wide tape/lamination

How: Decorate; teacher seals with tape/lamination.

Teacher talk: “This helps you save your page.”



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Preschool Activities (3–5 years)

10) Author Study

Materials: 3–4 books by one author/illustrator

How: Read over several days; compare patterns (“They use silly words!”).

Teacher talk: “This author writes lots of books!”

11) Classroom Library Helpers

Materials: labels, baskets, picture category cards (Animals, Trucks, Feelings)

How: Kids sort books into labeled bins and “check out” books.

Teacher talk: “Librarians keep books organized.”

12) “We Are Book Lovers” Writing + Drawing

Materials: paper, markers

Prompt ideas:

- “My favorite book is...”
- “I like reading because...”

Teacher talk: “Your ideas matter. You’re an author!”



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