# April 2023

Early Literacy activities you can do at home, school, or the library with young children. Read, write, sing, play, and talk all week long!

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| 31 Word of the Week: **Orbit**
  “All the planets in our solar system orbit the sun”. | 1 READ *Earth* by Quinn Arnold | 2 WRITE Write or draw a story about outer space. | 3 SING “The Wheels on the Bus”. Orbit around the room as you sing! | 4 PLAY Make a space ship out of things around the house. | 5 TALK Get ready for the eclipse by talking with your grown-up about how to safely use eclipse glasses! | 6 Stop by Your Brothers Bookstore for an eclipse themed storytime and craft! Eclipse glasses will be given out while supplies last. From 11am-1pm. |
| 7 Word of the Week: **Eclipse**
  “On April 8th the moon will completely block out the sun, causing an eclipse”. | 8 READ *Eclipse* by Andy Rash | 9 WRITE What happened during the eclipse yesterday? Write about it! | 10 SING “Moon” by Pinkfong on YouTube. | 11 PLAY Get some flashlights and make shadow puppets on the wall. | 12 TALK What other events happen only once in a lifetime? Talk about them with a grown-up! | 13 Explore the wonder of flight with us at the EVV airport for Second Saturday Stories. From 10am-11am. |
| 14 Word of the Week: **Water**
  “Watch how the water flows down the canyon and into the valley”. | 15 READ *Raindrops Roll* by April Pulley Sayre | 16 WRITE Write a list of your favorite activities that involve water. | 17 SING “The Itsy Bitsy Spider”. Try different hand motions for the spider. | 18 PLAY Have your grown-up fill a pot with water. Take some measuring spoons and practice measuring and pouring! | 19 TALK Talk with your grown-up about water safety! How can you stay safe around water? | 20 Visit us at Wesselman Woods for their Earth Day Celebration! From 10am-2pm. |
| 21 Word of the Week: **Habitat**
  “Fish must live in a habitat that is made up of water”. | 22 READ *Whale In A Fishbowl* by Troy Howell & Richard Jones | 23 WRITE Pretend you are researching an alien species. Write about their habitat. | 24 SING “Old MacDonald Had a Farm”. Think of what animals would or wouldn’t live on a farm. | 25 PLAY Create a habitat for your stuffed animals. What kinds of things do you think they’d like? | 26 TALK Talk with your grown-up about your favorite animal. What is their habitat like? | 27 Come out to EVPL North Park to paint sea shells in anticipation of author Elin Hilderbrand’s visit! From 1:30-2:30pm. |
| 28 Word of the Week: **Gravity**
  “Earth’s gravity is what makes objects fall to the ground when dropped”. | 29 READ *After The Fall* by Dan Santat | 30 WRITE What would happen if the Earth had no gravity? Write down your ideas. |  |  |  |  |

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**STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.**

As we move through spring and towards summer, each month will tackle a different component of STEAM, starting with **science** this month. As the weather warms up, take an opportunity to get outside and see the eclipse and explore the natural world.