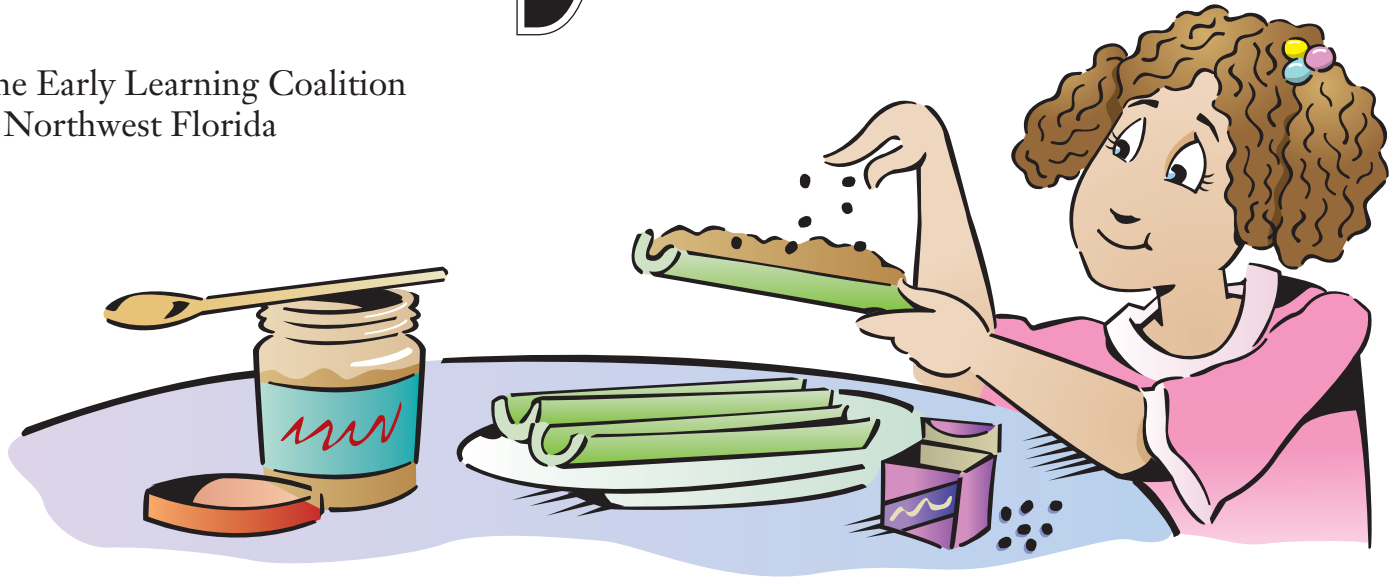


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2010				1 April Fool! Share a gentle, good-natured joke with your child.	2 Spring means bugs! Look outside. Can your child find any yet?	3 Call your local fire station and arrange a visit today. Or find a library book about fire engines.
4 Look around your neighborhood for words on signs. Read them to your child.	5 Play an outdoor game such as kickball or hopscotch with your child.	6 Make sure your child understands the rules about going into the street: Never go alone, hold hands, etc.	7 Teach your child the rhyme: "April showers bring May flowers." Have her draw a picture.	8 Try the old rainy day classic: Put on your raingear and jump in the biggest puddle you can find.	9 Help your child make a weather wheel with a sun, cloud, umbrella, etc. Point an arrow to the right picture daily.	10 Check the ads for a fair or festival at a school, church or community center. Go with your child.
11 Eat an ice cream cone to celebrate spring is coming.	12 Bring the plants from the seeds you planted last month outside today. Replant them in the garden.	13 Help your child pick two cozy spots, one indoors and one outdoors, for reading books.	14 Look at a tree in your neighborhood. Talk about how it has changed in the last few weeks.	15 Teach your child the names of flowers. He will remember them after he has heard them several times.	16 Can your child find a lilac bush in your neighborhood? Sniff. Few things smell sweeter.	17 Children love to collect things they find in nature. Help your child find a good place to keep her collection.
18 Have your child draw a picture of a favorite book. Send it to the author in care of the book's publisher!	19 Talk with your child about the difference between <i>warm</i> and <i>cool</i> . Compare with <i>hot</i> and <i>cold</i> .	20 Practice saying the names of the months of the year with your child.	21 Let your child help make a decision about something that affects the whole family.	22 Take your child to a baseball game. Little League is fine.	23 Plan a visit to a local farmers' market or the grocery store. Pick a new vegetable.	24 Help your child do something nice for someone else today.
25 Write a letter of the alphabet and have your child mold the shape with clay or play dough.	26 Go outside with your child and blow bubbles today. Try to catch one without breaking it.	27 Teach your child the rhyme: "Rain, rain, go away. Come again another day."	28 Encourage your child to act out going to work in the morning. Then act out other activities.	29 Tell your child five things you love about her today.	30 Plan a visit to a yard sale. Give your child some money to spend, but don't give him more after he's spent it.	