**Poem of the Month**
*April Rain Song* by Langston Hughes

Let the rain kiss you.
Let the rain beat upon your head
with silver liquid drops.
Let the rain sing you a lullaby.
The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk.
The rain makes running pools in the gutter.
The rain plays a little sleep-song
on our roof at night—
And I love the rain.

**Go Fish**
Play "Go Fish" with aces through 10s from a deck of cards.

**Math in Stories**
Read a storybook. What can you find to count?

**More/Less?**
Show 2 different piles. One pile with 3 items. The other pile with 5 items. Ask child which pile has more/less and how do they know?

**Math Chat**
Ask: "How many times did I clap?"
"Can you copy my pattern?"
Begin with only two claps. Add more with practice!

**Shape of the Day**
Rectangle

**Math Chat**
What do these two shapes have in common? How are they different?

**Construction Zone**
Use toothpicks and marshmallows to build a triangle. How many toothpicks (sides) and marshmallows (corners)?

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**EARLY NUMERACY CALENDAR**
**April**

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**Match & Number Recognition**
Roll a die, ask how many. Find the card that matches.

**Hide and Seek**
Hide eggs or other small items. Count how many you find, and sort them into like groups (size, color, design...).

**Shape Charades**
Draw in the air. Form the shape with your body. Repeat a simple 2-part pattern.

**Math Chat**
What shape would come next? What is the color of that shape?

**1, 2, Buckle My Shoe**
Count on your fingers as you recite the poem.

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