



## Days Of The Week and Months Of The Year

Days of the week and months of the year are two difficult concepts to teach children yet if you use some creativity it can be fun for both you and your students!! The ideas that follow came from the wonderful women on my yahoo email lists [childcareland2](#) and [shelleylovettssecprintables](#).

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We sing songs that include:

Days Of The Week

(sung to the tune of The Addams Family)

Days of the week (snap snap)

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Days of the week. (snap snap)

There's Sunday and there's Monday,  
There's Tuesday and there's Wednesday,  
There's Thursday and there's Friday,  
And then there's Saturday.

Days of the week (snap snap)  
Days of the week (snap snap)  
Days of the week  
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Days of the week. (snap snap)

Today is Song  
(sung to the tune of Frere Jacques)

Today is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Today is \_\_\_\_\_.  
All day long, all day long.  
Yesterday was \_\_\_\_\_.  
Tomorrow will be \_\_\_\_\_.  
Let's have fun...  
Let's have fun!

Months of the Year  
(to the tune of "Ten Little Indians")

January.. February... March... and April...  
May... June... July... August... and September...  
October.... November... and December...  
These are the twelve months of the year.

Besides our normal calendar time I also use a pocket chart that holds the days of the weeks and months of the year. I place a star by the current day and month. We use file folder games ... flip books .... and floor/table matching games.

Shelley Lovett  
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Days of the Week  
(Tune Frere Jacques)

Sunday,Monday,Tuesday,Wednesday and Thursday and Friday,  
don't forget the last day Saturday we can play.

Sunshine318

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We do the calendar every day. I tell them what yesterday was. They tell me what today is. (or what comes next) We also use the calendar to do our sequencing activities. This month we are using the AAB pattern. We put up 2 green shamrocks in a row and then a white one. The children are very good at telling me what comes next.

The children also tell me what month it is. I always make it a very big deal to tell each month good-bye and hello to the new month. We say the months about twice a week.

Patty, Illinois

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I have sentence strips with the name of the weekdays and months preprogrammed. I pass out the strips to students and they have to find their match. When I first introduce this game, I choose the kids who will stand in the front then pass out the cards to class members. After a time or two, I then just hand them out and the kids have to find each other.

Debbie Price

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Greetings! In my class I use Dr. Jean's songs and dance, the days of the week sung to the tune of the Addams family and the "Montharaina" they like that dance.

Laurie Davis

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Our favorite days of the week song is sung to the tune of  
Oh My Darlin' Clementine.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday  
Thursday Friday Saturday. Sunday Monday Tuesday  
Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday.

This is a chant that calls for children to do the movement when  
their own  
birthday month is mentioned.  
It helps them to learn which month their birthday is in.

Hey Hey  
when's your birthday?

Clap your hands  
if it's January

Stamp your feet  
if it's February

Shrug your shoulders  
if it's March

If it's April  
up you stand.

Born in May  
wave your hand

June's the month  
to touch the sky.

Fly around  
if it's July

If it's August  
blow your nose

In September  
touch those toes

If your day is in October  
start your day  
by rolling over

In November  
bend your knees

Here's December  
you must freeze!

The next song helps the kids associate things with a particular month. We sing is every day before we sing the days of the week song - and then put the calendar piece on the calendar. These are to the tune of Are You Sleeping?

January  
January. January.  
Happy New Year. Happy New Year.  
Icicles and snowflakes. Eskimos and snowmen.  
Winter's here. Winter's here.

February  
February. February.  
Ground Hog Day. Ground Hog Day.  
Washington and Lincoln. Washington and Lincoln.  
Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day.

March  
It is March. It is March.  
Windy days, kites at play.  
Leprechauns and shamrocks. Leprechauns and shamrocks.  
Spring is here. Spring is here.

April  
It is April. It is April.  
Rainy days. Rainy days.  
Playing tricks so funny. Eggs and Easter Bunny.  
Easter Time. Easter Time.

May

It is May. It is May.  
Flowers grow. Flowers grow.  
Time to say, "I love you." Time to say, "I love you."  
Mother dear. Mother dear.

### June

It is June. It is June.  
Father's Day. Flag Day, too.  
School will soon be ending. School will soon be ending.  
Summer's near. Summer's near.

### July

It's July, It's July  
Independence Day, Independence Day  
Fireworks, and Hot dogs  
Watermelon and Parades  
Summers Here, Summers Here

### August

It is August, It is August  
Hot Hot Days, Hot Hot Days  
Swimming pools and Ice Cream  
County Fairs and Summers end  
School starts soon, School starts soon.

### September

It's September. It's September.  
School is here. School is here.  
We are making new friends. We are making new friends.  
Here comes fall. Here comes fall.

### October

It's October. It's October.  
Trick or treat. Trick or treat.  
Jack-o'-lanterns glowing. Jack-o'-lanterns glowing.  
Halloween! Halloween!

### November

It's November. It's November.  
Let's give thanks. Let's give thanks.  
Pilgrims set the table. Pilgrims set the table.  
Turkeys taste great. Turkeys taste great.

December

It's December. It's December.

Trim the tree. Trim the tree.

Mistletoe and holly. Santa Claus so jolly.

Ring the bells. Christmas bells.

Like the "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" chant:

January, January, what do you see? I see snowflakes falling on me.

February? I see Valentines sent to me.

March? I see shamrocks under the tree.

April? I see raindrops falling on me.

May? I see spring flowers looking at me.

June? I see ants crawling on me.

July? I see fireworks popping over me.

August? I see the hot sun shining on me.

September? I see the schoolbus waiting for me.

October? I see a jack-o-lantern smiling at me.

November? I see a turkey running from me.

December? I see Santa bringing gifts to me.

There are 12 Months (Clementine):

There are 12 months

There are 12 months

There are 12 months in a year

January, February,

March and April, May and June,

July and August,

Then September,

Next comes fun October, too.

Then November and December...

That's all 12 months

Now we're through!

~::~Deb/MN~::~

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For learning the days of the week I have always loved this one. It is easy to remember and you can sing fast or slow and point to the days as you say them.

## Seven Days of the week -Tune: Farmer in the Dell

There are seven days in a week  
There are seven days in a week.  
Hi ho the dairy o,  
There are seven days in a week.

There is Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday is the last day,  
there are seven days in a week.

Bonnie Bourgoine from West Bloomfield, Michigan soon to be moving to the Syracuse, NY area.

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Each morning during calendar time we would sit in front of the calendar. We started circle time with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Then we sang the days of the week song. I don't know the tune though. But if you were counting in 4/4/time, Sun and day get the quarter note. Same for Monday and Friday and Saturday while Tuesday Wednesday Thursday are eighth notes.

Sunday  
Monday  
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday  
::Clap Clap::  
The days of the week...  
::Clap Clap::  
The days of the week....

Then we would say the days of the week in Spanish, no song.

Then we would look at the calendar and I would ask them what number comes next. The kids would tell me. I would put that on the calendar. We would all say together today is Month, Day, Year. Then we would look at the days and say Today is \_\_\_ day of the week \_\_\_\_ ., Yesterday was \_\_\_\_\_, tomorrow will be \_\_\_\_\_. I would

ask them if they knew. Those days were also posted on the wall.

Then we sang the months of the year song - Its an old tape I have from Discovery Toys. With a slow melody.

January February March and April.

May and June July and August.

September October November December

These are the months of the year.

12 , 12, 12 , 12 months

12 months come in every year.

12 12 12 12 months come in every year.

Repeat.

End with These are the months of the year.

Then I would ask, what is the month we are in again?

Then I would remind them what the month was in Spanish.

Teri J.

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We use Dr Jean Feldman's song "Macarena Months" on her Dr Jean and Friends CD. The movements are the same as the macarena and the children love it. Just by repeating them, they learn them.

Linda Inzer

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To the tune of Oh my darling Clemintine  
Sunday, Monday, (like Oh my Darling)  
Tuesday, Wednesday, (like Oh my Darling)  
Thursday, Friday, (like Oh my Darling)  
Saturday. (like Clemintine)

There are seven days,

There are seven days,

There are seven days in a week.

Repeat

Sara Kreutz

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To teach the days of the week I use the book Today is Monday by Eric Carle. Greg and Steve now have it as song on Ready Set Read.

Cathy

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Days of the Week

(Tune: Allouette)

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday, Then we start again.

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday, Now it's time to end.

I also sign the ASL signs for each day of the week as we sing.

Anna-Marie

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Dr. Jean songs!!

Pennie

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Try using the macaraina when saying the seven days of the week. The kids love it.

Laurie

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I have been a home childcare provider for 20 years now and live in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. My daycare is called Sue's PRESCHOOL PLAYHOUSE and I currently have 7 little girls under

age 5 and 2 school age boys registered in care and have a 9 year old son and a 21 year old daughter of my own, not to mention just became a grandma to a precious granddaughter who is now 6 1\2 months and starting daycare officially with me this coming Monday.

We do a calendar circle here every morning. We also include songs in our learning of calendar and we too use days of the week and monthly headers, many from your printables yu u send so thank you so much for those.

Our days song:

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Now's the time for us to say today is \_\_\_\_\_.

The day of the week is \_\_\_\_\_, the day of the week is \_\_\_\_\_, the day of the week is \_\_\_\_\_, hurray for \_\_\_\_\_.

I ask a child to come up and find the day on our chart and ask them to point to each letter as we all spell out the word. We then repeat the above song using "The month of the year is \_\_\_\_\_...."

We then move to our month chart and sing a song very similar to yours so I won't type it out, same routine in asking child to find the name, point to letters for us to spell.

For our calendar I begin the month with the number cover ups complete to number of days of the month and ask the children how many days are in (March). We then count each number as I point to them all to 30 or ! 31. I then ask the children to count again themselves without my help and listen as I clap my hands when they say the number of the day. When they are finished I ask who can remember which number I clapped on, that child gets to place star on that number. We again repeat the above song using " The number day is \_\_\_\_\_..."

We end asking what is the year and we have it posted on our month board and sing "The year is 2006, the year is 2006, hooray, hooray, we love this year, a fun 2006"

Hope you have enjoyed my sharing and hope you hear from many many providers, I am anxious to hear what others do and get some great new ideas. Keep up the awesome work.

Sue Croswell

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I am not too sure of the tunes...but the songs we sing (plus many, many more) are taken directly from a Discovery Toys tape/cd. I do not have a current copy of the cd to list the exact titles of the songs but I pretty much have the lyrics and tunes memorized from years of listening to them. I wish I had some way of sharing the tunes...I think they may be original to the singer/songwriter.

There are 7 days in a Week  
There are 7 days, There are 7 days,  
There are 7 days in a week.  
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday.  
(Repeat all)

12 Month in the Year  
12, 12, 12, 12 Months.  
12 Months come in every year.  
(repeat)  
January, February, March & April...  
May & June, July & August...  
September, October, November, December...  
These are the Months of the Year.

Deyan Greevers

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**Songs:**

1. Today is Monday all day long doo-dah doo-dah Today is Monday all day long all the doo dah day. Then of course, substitute different days.

2. (Sung to the tune of Happy Days) Sunday Monday Happy Days Tuesday Wednesday Happy Days Thursday Friday Happy Days Saturday 7 days, Groovin all week with you!

3. Tune: Ten Little Indians : January, February, March and April; May and June and July and August; September, October,

November, December ; Twelve months in a year.

4. There are seven days, there are 7 days, there are 7 days in a week: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

Make/decorate calendars that they can take home and "mark" off each day as it ends.

I use a pocket chart for our calendar and add each day as it comes about. The kids get to take turns putting the day in the pocket on the calendar.

Colleen (KS)

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(I don't know what it's called... Days of the Week.)

Sunday, Monday  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday, Saturday  
Then we start again.

Peggy

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We use Greg and Steve volume #4 and #2. We learn the English songs first, and then about December we learn them in Spanish also. I then have a pocket chart where we practice today, yesterday, and tomorrow where they have to say the days. We always write on the board the date, too.

Judi Gage  
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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Days Of The Week

Instructions: Print two copies ... one on cardstock ... one on regular paper. Cut out the days of the week. Glue the paper set inside a file folder and laminate the cardstock set. Children match the loose days of the week to those inside the file folder.

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

January

March

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