Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Play Encourage your child to invite a friend over to play for a few hours.	**2 Science** It's Wildflower Week. Work together to find and identify as many different wildflowers as you can.	**3 Songs** Take turns humming tunes and trying to guess the songs.	**4 Sounds** It's Bird Day. Ask your child to create her own bird call.	**5 Writing** It's Cartoonists Day. Ask your child to draw a series of cartoons and explain the story to you.	**6 Math** It's Inventors Month. Give your child open-ended problems to solve with building block inventions.	**7 Rhymes** It's Better Speech and Language Month. Ask your child to repeat short tongue twisters that rhyme.
8 Stories Ask your child to tell a story by acting it out without using any words.	**9 Science** It's Sleepover Day. Spend the night in the living room with your child and ask him why a sleeping bag helps keep him warm.	**10 Songs** It's Clean Up Your Room Day. Come up with a lighthearted song to sing together while picking up her room.	**11 Rhymes** It's Photography Month. Show your child pictures of different objects and ask her to find words that rhyme with each.	**12 Writing** It's Limerick Day. Help your child write a limerick poem about his favorite day ever.	**13 Math** It's Frog Jumping Day. Play a game of leapfrog with your child and ask her to count the number of times you jump over each other.	**14 Play** Pretend that your pet can speak. Have your child translate what they say.
15 Reading It's Get Caught Reading Month. Let your child know that any time you catch her reading this month, she'll learn points toward a prize.	**16 Math** It's Barbecue Day. Ask your child to count the hotdogs you cook when you put them on and take them off the grill.	**17 Songs** It's Chamber Music Month. Listen to classical music and talk about how each song makes your child feel.	**18 Stories** It's Older Americans Month. Ask your child to tell a story about his favorite day with his grandparents.	**19 Writing** It's Bike Month. Ask your child to draw an imaginary bicycle that can fly.	**20 Rhymes** It's Be a Millionaire Day. Ask your child to rhyme words with "money" and "gold."	**21 Sounds** It's International Drum Month. Set out some pots, pans, and wooden spoons to create a makeshift drum kit.
22 Reading It's International Being You Day. For today's storytime, let your child choose a book with a character he feels is most like him.	**23 Play** It's Lucky Penny Day. Take turns flipping a penny and calling heads or tails. Whoever guesses right the most times wins.	**24 Math** Ask your child to help you measure how many tablespoons are in a cup of water. Give the water to some thirsty plants.	**25 Reading** Switch places at bedtime to give your child a chance to read their favorite bedtime story to you as you pretend to fall asleep.	**26 Sounds** It's Paper Airplane Day. Make a paper airplane with your child and challenge her to add as many sound effects as she can think of.	**27 Stories** Take turns telling stories based on totally made-up statements like, "My favorite food is spinach, so…"	**28 Writing** It's Hamburger Day. Ask your child to draw a burger, fries, and a shake.
29 Science Shine a flashlight through a variety of materials and talk about why the light looks different.	**30 Play** It's Creativity Day. Let your child lead the way by describing an imaginary world where you both spend time playing make-believe.	**31 Reading** Read *Little Blue Truck* by Alice Schertle, pausing to make the sounds of the truck and animals.				

Help your child get ready to learn to read!

Each day features a fun activity that will help your child build pre-reading skills. Activities are color-coded by skill. Ask your children's librarian for more ideas on how to promote early literacy skills with daily activities at home.

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