

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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.

1 Science

It's National Space Day! Go to the library and check out a nonfiction book about space or the planets to read together.

2 Play

On National Fitness Day, go outside and get some exercise while playing a game of tag.

3 Reading

It's National Lemonade Day. Celebrate by reading *Maisy Makes Lemonade* by Lucy Cousins together.

4 Writing

It's National Weather Observers Day. Have your child draw pictures of the weather outside in the morning, afternoon, and evening.

5 Reading

It's Cinco de Mayo! Read *Marco's Cinco de Mayo* by Lisa Bullard together.

6 Sounds

Flip through a magazine or book with pictures of different animals, and ask your child to make the sounds that the animals make.

7 Math

Put out a bowl of colored cereal, such as Fruit Loops, and have your child sort the pieces by color.

8 Rhymes

How many words can your child think of that rhyme with "May"?

9 Play

On National Sleepover Day, have a "sleepover" in the middle of the day! Get out sleeping bags, pillows, and snacks, and play games.

10 Songs

Sing "Where Is Thumbkin?" and do the hand motions.

11 Stories

Read a book about halfway through. Then stop and ask your child what she thinks will happen next and how it will end.

12 Writing

Write letters on a small piece of paper and stick it to the inside cover of a CD case. Have your child trace the letters with a dry erase marker.

13 Sounds

Show your child a picture of an object. Ask him to tell you what sound is at the beginning and end of the word for the object.

14 Play

It's National Dance Like a Chicken Day. Put on your child's favorite music and let loose!

15 Math

It's National Chocolate Chip Day. Use chocolate chips to solve simple addition and subtraction problems. Then have a sweet treat!

16 Writing

On National Love a Tree Day, have your child draw a picture of her favorite kind of tree.

17 Reading

While grocery shopping, have your child help you read your shopping list.

18 Songs

While preparing dinner, make up a song together about what you're making.

19 Rhymes

Read a rhyming book together, such as *The Pout-Pout Fish* by Deborah Diesen.

20 Stories

Ask your child to tell you a story about what he thinks her stuffed animals do during the day.

21 Science

Take a walk outside, and talk about all of the animals that you see or hear.

22 Sounds

Sit quietly inside for 30 seconds. Then go outside and sit quietly for 30 seconds. What sounds did you hear outside that you didn't hear inside?

23 Stories

It's National Lucky Penny Day. Tell your child a story about a time a penny or another object brought you good luck.

24 Math

It's National Scavenger Hunt Day. Send your child on a scavenger hunt around the house to find colored objects.

25 Songs

Sing your child's favorite song together as you get ready for bed.

26 Rhymes

Put several items in a bag, such as a spoon, a pen, a sock, a doll, and so on. Have your child pull items out and say a word that rhymes with each item.

27 Science

Fill a small bowl with water and sprinkle pepper over the entire top of the water. Have your child put dish soap on her fingertip and touch the middle of the water.

28 Reading

It's National Hamburger Day! Read *Sam's Hamburger* by David Pelham together.

29 Math

While cleaning your child's room, have him count and sort his toys and stuffed animals.

30 Writing

It's National Creativity Day! Set out crayons, glue, glitter, and other craft supplies, and tell your child to let her creativity to go wild!

31 Songs

On National Smile Day, sing a silly song together that makes your child smile.

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