

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 Sounds

Crunching snow? A dripping icicle? Ask your child to name some of their favorite sounds of the season.

2 Reading

Organize a sticky note winter word hunt. Hide winter-themed words on sticky notes and have your child find them.

3 Songs

Learn a new holiday song together and sing it with silly voices.

4 Play

It's Cookie Day! Decorate a gingerbread man and help your child count the candy decorations.

5 Science

It's Computer Science Week. Play an online game with your child.

6 Stories

Share your favorite winter memory from when you were a kid.

7 Rhymes

During clean-up time, challenge your kids to name a rhyming word for each item they put away: book/look, block/clock, car/far.

8 Writing

It's Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day. Give your child some paper and markers and ask them to draw themselves in the future.

9 Science

Make homemade playdough and then make playdough snowpeople.

10 Play

Make a tent with blankets and chairs in the living room. Pretend you're in an igloo.

11 Songs

Pick a few winter-themed words and use them to sing your own version of "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes."

12 Reading

Get ready for National Cocoa Day. Read *Do Frogs Drink Hot Chocolate?: How Animals Keep Warm* by Etta Kaner.

13 Math

It's National Cocoa Day. Have your child draw a cup of hot cocoa and count the cotton ball "marshmallows."

14 Stories

Christmas Bird Count begins. Watch birds outside and encourage your child to make up stories about them.

15 Play

Have a holiday hop and jump around to your favorite tunes.

16 Sounds

Howl like the wind in a snowstorm. Show off your loudest howls.

17 Songs

Put on a seasonal playlist and encourage your child to move like a reindeer, polar bear, or penguin. Move with them.

18 Stories

It's Read a New Book Month. Read a new book with your child and talk about you're your favorite parts.

19 Reading

Tape letters to a wall. Call out the sounds and have kids throw paper snowballs at the corresponding letters.

20 Rhymes

Read *the Mother Goose Rhyme*, "The Three Little Kittens, They Lost Their Mittens." Then point out all the rhyming words together.

21 Writing

Today is the Winter Solstice. Help you child create a list of their favorite winter activities and plan time to enjoy them.

22 Math

Have your child sort toy animals by different characteristics such as land and sea animals.

23 Play

It's Bingo's Birthday Month. Print some winter bingo cards and play with family and friends.

24 Songs

Go for a ride and listen to festive music while exploring the neighborhood light displays.

25 Stories

Prompt your child to create a brand-new holiday. What is it called? How do people decorate?

26 Reading

Bake cookies in the shape of letters.

27 Science

Bring the snow inside! Use a shallow plastic storage bin, fill it with snow, get a brush, and paint the snow. Watch the snow melt and see how the colors blend and change.

28 Writing

Fill a shallow dish or tray with sugar or coconut and have your kids practice writing letters in fake snow.

29 Sounds

If a snowflake made a sound, what would it be? Imagine some different sounds a snowflake might make with your child.

30 Rhymes

See how many words your child can think of that rhyme with sled.

31 Math

It's New Year's Eve. Practice counting down from 10 and cheer at the end!