

# 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 your 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!