

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Writing

Start the new year right by asking your child to draw a picture of something she's looking forward to in 2023.

2 Reading

Read *Shanté Keys and the New Year's Peas* by Gail Piernas-Davenport to learn about different ways to celebrate.

3 Science

Put snow in a glass and mark its height. Let it melt, then measure again. Talk about why the snow was so much taller.

4 Play

Dress up and host a dance party at home!

5 Stories

Work with your child to make up a story about snowmen migrating North for the summer. What obstacles do they run into?

6 Sounds

Ask your child what her favorite sound is. Then share yours.

7 Play

On Harlem Globetrotters Day, play an indoor game of H-O-R-S-E using a basket and balls of socks.

8 Science

On Bubble Bath Day, create your own bubble bath mix! Combine 1 cup shampoo, 1½ cups water, and a few drops food coloring in a squeeze bottle.

9 Math

Have your child tell you three wishes for the new year. Tell her three of yours. How many wishes is that altogether?

10 Stories

Look at family photos and tell stories about what's happening in them — real or made up!

11 Rhymes

Present images of two objects that rhyme and one that doesn't (like a tree, a bee, and a hat). Ask your child to remove the odd one out.

12 Math

For Soup Month, make soup together and ask your child to help you measure the ingredients.

13 Stories

In honor of Make Your Dream Come True Day, tell your child a story about a time you did something that felt like a dream come true!

14 Sounds

As you read a book with lots of animal characters, ask your child to make the sounds they make.

15 Science

Make homemade playdough and then make playdough snowpeople.

16 Songs

Make up a song about a snowman and sing it to a familiar tune.

17 Stories

Choose a picture book without words and have your child tell the story as you go through the pages.

18 Science

Find a few salty, sweet, and sour foods. Ask your child which type he likes best!

19 Math

On Popcorn Day, make some popcorn together. Use the pieces to do simple addition and subtraction problems before eating them.

20 Rhymes

Read a rhyming book together, such as *Sheep in a Jeep* by Nancy E. Shaw.

21 Reading

It's Squirrel Appreciation Day. Read *Those Darn Squirrels!* by Adam Rubin together.

22 Songs

Have your child listen to two different versions of the same song. Ask him which one she liked better and why.

23 Writing

On Handwriting Day, have your child practice writing her name in different colors.

24 Rhymes

Work together to think of words that rhyme with your or your pets' names.

25 Play

Get silly on Opposite Day! Have dinner for breakfast, say "good morning" at night, and say "hello" when you leave the room.

26 Reading

Play with magnetic letters on your fridge or a whiteboard.

27 Play

Cut the fingers from a white rubber cleaning glove. Have your child draw a snowman on each to create finger puppets.

28 Math

Ask your child to help you sort laundry by color or toys by size.

29 Play

It's National Puzzle Day! Get out a few favorite puzzles and put them together with your child.

30 Songs

Make up a song to help your child remember his address or phone number.

31 Writing

Make invitations to an at-home event like a movie night and hand them out to siblings, parents, grandparents, or pets.

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.

