

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

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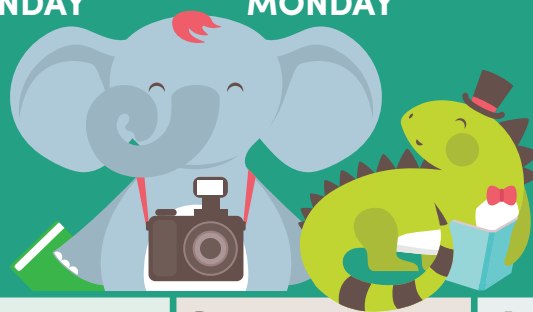
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Help your child get ready to learn to read!

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 Stories

Cut out two or three pictures from a magazine or website and show them to your child. Have her tell you a story based on the pictures.

2 Songs

It's World UFO Day. Look up songs about space for kids or make up your own together.

3 Rhymes

Read *We Go Together* by Todd Dunn with your child. Point out rhyming pairs and try to think of more together.

4 Writing

Happy Fourth of July! Get black construction paper and brightly colored paints, oil pastels, or gel pens to make firework art.

5 Play

On Graham Cracker Day, make edible rainbows! Spread blue frosting on a graham cracker, then add rainbow candy strips and marshmallow clouds.

6 Science

Make apple boats and watch them sail in a bathtub, sink, pool, or pond.

7 Math

Write the numbers 1-10 on colored index cards and hide them around the room. Have your child find the cards and put them in the right order.

8 Sounds

Go on a treasure hunt in your home for things that start with a 'K' sound.

9 Songs

Make DIY maracas and perform a song together.

10 Stories

Look through photo albums together and tell the story of what is happening in each.

11 Reading

It's Melon Month! Use pieces of watermelon, cantaloupe, or honeydew melon to make letters and ask your child what each is.

12 Play

Paper Bag Day is the perfect time to make puppets and put on a show.

13 Sounds

How many words can your child think of that have the same beginning sound as "July"?

14 Rhymes

Sing a song with rhyming words, such as "Do Your Ears Hang Low?"

15 Math

Put a drop of colored paint in each well of an empty egg carton and let dry. Have your child sort buttons or other small colored objects into the correct wells.

16 Sounds

During Outdoor Month, spend time outside together and ask your child what sounds he notices.

17 Reading

Invest in a few sets of magnetic letters and a cookie sheet. Help your child put the letters in order or spell simple words.

18 Math

Divide a posterboard into six sections labeled 1-6. Provide stickers and a die. Ask you child to roll the die and add a sticker to the matching section. Repeat 20x.

19 Stories

Have your child tell you a "What if?" story, like "What would have happened if we met a dinosaur on the way to the grocery store today?"

20 Writing

Help your child use the garden hose to write letters on your dry patio or driveway.

21 Science

Put a hula hoop in a kiddie pool. Fill with water and 2 cups dish soap. Have your child stand in the middle. Bring the hoop up evenly to form a bubble around her!

22 Play

Go to a new location like a playground, library, or toy store and play "I Spy."

23 Math

Help your child find household objects that are a square, a circle, and a triangle.

24 Play

It's Tennis Month. Give this sport a try - full size or tabletop!

25 Science

Have kids predict which items will dissolve in water. Have your child keep track of the results to see if they have anything in common.

26 Songs

Help your child make a "mixtape" of their favorite songs.

27 Reading

During Wild About Wildlife Month, have your child pick out a new animal-themed book to read.

28 Rhymes

Give each other rhyming nicknames, either including your real name (like "Silly Billy") or without (like "The Fun One").

29 Play

Cut out animal shapes and attach each to the end of a popsicle stick. Turn off the lights and use a flashlight to turn the animals into shadow puppets.

30 Writing

Set up a painting station during World Watercolor Month.

31 Science

Visit a playground and use the slide to talk about gravity and friction.

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