

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 Writing

It's World Letter Writing Day. Help your child write a short letter to one of her friends, seal it, stamp it, and put in the mailbox.

2 Math

Use colored blocks or toys to make simple patterns together.

3 Play

Take out your child's favorite board game and have him make up new rules.

4 Rhymes

It's Pet Rock Day. Find a rock with your child to take home as a pet. Have her name it and see how many other names she can come up with that rhyme with that name.

5 Songs

It's Labor Day. Write a song with your child about all the chores he does.

6 Reading

It's Read a Book Day. Head to the local library with your child and ask her to pick out a book you can read together.

7 Science

Take a nature walk with your child. Have him pick up different objects along the way and describe what they look like and how they feel.

8 Stories

Ask your child to tell a story about a time she was scared but did something brave.

9 Sounds

It's Teddy Bear Day. Growl with your child and make sounds like a bear.

10 Writing

Play restaurant. Give your child a food order that he can draw on a notepad.

11 Rhymes

See how many words your child can come up with that rhyme with "fall."

12 Songs

It's Day of Encouragement. Make up simple, positive songs with your child.

13 Math

It's Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day. Help your child make Ants on a Log while she counts out the raisins.

14 Writing

It's Coloring Day. Ask your child to draw a picture of his first day of school.

15 Songs

Sing your child's favorite song in a silly monster voice together.

16 Science

Create melting sidewalk chalk by mixing equal parts cornstarch and water, adding food coloring, and freezing into cubes.

17 Play

It's Batman Day. Run around with your child pretending to fight crime.

18 Stories

Have your child tell you a story about the best thing that happened all summer.

19 Sounds

It's Talk Like a Pirate Day. Have fun chatting with your child like a true buccaneer.

20 Reading

Check out a poetry book from the library and choose poems to read with your child.

21 Math

It's miniature golf day. Play a game with your child and show her how to use different angles to change the ball's course.

22 Rhymes

Read *Sheep in a Jeep* by Nancy Shaw. Ask your child to come up with other words that rhyme with sheep.

23 Play

Make puppets out of paper bags and put on a show.

24 Science

It's Family Health and Fitness Day. Do a fun workout with your child and talk to him about the importance of staying healthy.

25 Math

It's Math Storytelling Day. Tell your child a fun story with simple math problems she can solve along the way.

26 Reading

It's National Pancake Day. Read *If You Give a Pig a Pancake* by Laura Numeroff.

27 Sounds

Experiment with speaking into a fan.

28 Writing

It's Good Neighbor Day. Ask your child to draw a picture of a friend or neighbor and give it to them as a gift.

29 Science

It's World Heart Day. Have your child put her hand over her heart and feel it beat. Run around for 30 seconds and then feel it again. Ask her to describe what changed.

30 Stories

Pretend you and your child are astronauts and a nearby park is a strange new planet. Ask her to tell you what happens next.

