

# 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.

**5 Stories**

Today is National Doughnut Day! Read *Arnie the Doughnut* by Laurie Keller. Then have your child make up an alternate ending to the story.

**6 Sounds**

It's National Saxophone Day! Listen to some jazz and try making saxophone noises with your mouths. Then try making other instrument noises too.

**7 Rhymes**

In honor of U.S. General Election Day, ask your child to think of words that rhyme with "vote."

**8 Science**

November is Good Nutrition Month! Talk to your child about nutrition and healthy food choices.

**9 Reading**

Read aloud *Chu's First Day of School* by Neil Gaiman. Then ask your child what he thinks his first day of school will be like.

**10 Stories**

Read aloud *Lorenzo, the Pizza-Loving Lobster* by Claire Lordon. Then have your child make up a story about an animal with silly eating habits.

**11 Writing**

In honor of Veterans Day, have your child draw a picture of the U.S. flag.

**12 Sounds**

Read like a pirate today! As you read together, exaggerate words that include the sound "AARGH."

**13 Writing**

Read aloud William Steig's classic tale of *Shrek!* Then have your child draw a picture of her own lovable ogre.

**14 Stories**

November is National Peanut Butter Lover's Month! Build a PB&J sandwich together, and have your child make up a story about how the peanuts turned into peanut butter.

**15 Science**

In honor of America Recycles Day, have your child help you sort the trash from the recyclables today.

**16 Play**

Celebrate National Button Day by using spare buttons to create artwork.

**17 Writing**

Today is National Take a Hike Day! Go on a nature walk. Then have your child draw a picture of something he saw on the hike.

**18 Songs**

In honor of Mickey Mouse's birthday, sing "Happy Birthday" using your best squeaky mouse voice.

**19 Play**

Play fun games like Candy Land, duck-duck-goose, hide-and-seek, and I Spy.

**20 Sounds**

Go for a ride around your town and ask your child to listen for different sounds along the way—horns beeping, dogs barking, etc.

**21 Reading**

In honor of World Hello Day, read aloud *Say Hello!* by Rachel Isadora and introduce your child to greetings from various languages and cultures.

**22 Stories**

Tell each other about three things you are thankful for.

**23 Reading**

Read aloud *The Very First Americans* by Cara Ashrose—a great way to introduce children to the different tribes of American Indians and their traditions.

**24 Rhymes**

November is National Model Railroad Month! How many words can your child think of that rhyme with "train"?

**25 Math**

Ask your child how many doors are in your home. Then count them together.

**26 Math**

Put a scoop of Cheerios or other cereal in a bowl and ask your child to guess how many pieces there are—then count them together.

**27 Songs**

In honor of author Kevin Henkes's birthday, have your child make up a song about a mouse with a purple plastic purse.

**28 Science**

Ask your child to guess how many times you can blow into a balloon before it pops—then test her theory.

**29 Math**

Have your child trace his hand to make a turkey. After he colors his creation, help him count how many feathers his turkey has.

**30 Reading**

In honor of National Mousse Day, read aloud *Chocolate Mousse for Greedy Goose* by Julia Donaldson.

