

# 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.

<p><b>4 Writing</b></p> <p>It's National Thank a Mail Carrier Day. Help your child write a note of thanks and give it to your mail carrier today.</p>	<p><b>5 Play</b></p> <p>On National Weatherperson's Day, take turns pretending to be your local weatherperson and give the day's forecast.</p>	<p><b>6 Songs</b></p> <p>Turn on one of your child's favorite songs and ask him how the song makes him feel and why.</p>	<p><b>7 Rhymes</b></p> <p>Write pairs of rhyming words on cutout hearts. Mix up the hearts and have your child find the matching pairs.</p>	<p><b>8 Reading</b></p> <p>On Kite Flying Day, read <i>Kite Day: A Bear and Mole Story</i> by Will Hillenbrand together.</p>	<p><b>9 Math</b></p> <p>It's National Pizza Day. Make a pizza together using refrigerated dough. Count the number of toppings you put on as you go.</p>	<p><b>10 Sounds</b></p> <p>Show your child pictures of different animals and talk about the sounds each animal makes.</p>
<p><b>11 Science</b></p> <p>Fill a clear plastic container with nuts and bolts, pipe cleaners, and paper clips. Give your child a magnet and let him experiment with lifting the objects with the magnet.</p>	<p><b>12 Play</b></p> <p>Get out an old board game. Have your child invent new rules for the game, and then play it according to the new rules.</p>	<p><b>13 Math</b></p> <p>Challenge your child to count by 5s as high as he can go.</p>	<p><b>14 Writing</b></p> <p>Happy Valentine's Day! Make valentines for each other by cutting out paper hearts and writing kind words or drawing pictures on them.</p>	<p><b>15 Songs</b></p> <p>Sing "Where Is Thumbkin?" and do the motions.</p>	<p><b>16 Reading</b></p> <p>While grocery shopping, read aloud words on the packages of the items you put in the cart.</p>	<p><b>17 Stories</b></p> <p>On Random Acts of Kindness Day, tell your child a story about a time someone was kind to you and how it made you feel.</p>
<p><b>18 Math</b></p> <p>Have your child go around the house and count all the red objects she can find.</p>	<p><b>19 Sounds</b></p> <p>Show your child pictures of different things that make noise, such as a truck, a dog, and a phone. Ask her to put the pictures in order of the loudest to the softest.</p>	<p><b>20 Writing</b></p> <p>On Love Your Pet Day, have your child draw a picture of either her pet or a friend's pet.</p>	<p><b>21 Science</b></p> <p>Go outside with your child and choose nature items, such as leaves, pine cones, and small branches. Glue them to the inside of a shoebox lid for a nature shadow box.</p>	<p><b>22 Rhymes</b></p> <p>With tape or chalk, create a hopscotch game. Put a picture in each square. Call out a word, and have your child hop to the square with the rhyming word.</p>	<p><b>23 Songs</b></p> <p>While doing errands or riding in the car, make up a silly song to sing together.</p>	<p><b>24 Play</b></p> <p>Find items around the house to use as musical instruments, and start a band.</p>
<p><b>25 Math</b></p> <p>Have your child sort candy hearts into piles by color.</p>	<p><b>26 Stories</b></p> <p>In honor of Tell a Fairy Tale Day, read a classic fairy tale together. Then, have your child tell you his own version of the tale.</p>	<p><b>27 Reading</b></p> <p>On Polar Bear Day, read <i>Polar Bear Morning</i> by Lauren Thompson and Stephen Savage.</p>	<p><b>28 Sounds</b></p> <p>Talk about the different sounds you hear at different times of the year. What sounds do you hear in February that you don't hear in July?</p>			