

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

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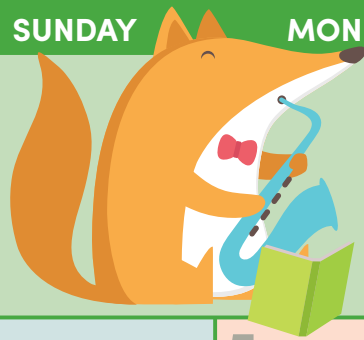
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Help your child get ready to learn to read!

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.

<p>4 Writing</p> <p>Get out small crackers or pieces of candy, and use them to make letters and spell simple words.</p>	<p>5 Sounds</p> <p>Talk about the different sounds you hear at different times of day. Ask your child, "What's the first sound you hear in the morning? What's the last sound you hear at night?"</p>	<p>6 Songs</p> <p>Take turns choosing songs to sing together as you are driving in the car or doing chores around the house.</p>	<p>7 Play</p> <p>On National Cereal Day, create bracelets by stringing Fruity Cheerios on elastic cords.</p>	<p>8 Reading</p> <p>Read <i>How to Catch a Leprechaun</i> by Adam Wallace and Andy Elkerton together.</p>	<p>9 Rhymes</p> <p>Together, write a short rhyming poem about your child's favorite animal.</p>	<p>10 Math</p> <p>Count the number of steps it takes to walk from one side of the house to the other.</p>
<p>11 Sounds</p> <p>Talk about the sounds you hear in different seasons. What is your child's favorite sound of the spring?</p>	<p>12 Science</p> <p>It's Plant a Flower Day. Plant seeds in soil in small plastic cups, water them and place them in a sunny window. Check often for sprouts and watch your flowers grow!</p>	<p>13 Writing</p> <p>Show your child a picture of an animal, such as a bear or a dog. Have your child write the word for the kind of animal he sees.</p>	<p>14 Songs</p> <p>Teach your child to sing a song that he has never heard before.</p>	<p>15 Play</p> <p>Play "restaurant" together, and take turns taking each other's orders.</p>	<p>16 Reading</p> <p>It's Panda Day! Read <i>If You Were a Panda Bear</i> by Florence and Wendell Minor together.</p>	<p>17 Stories</p> <p>In honor of St. Patrick's Day, make up a story about a leprechaun who gets lost looking for the gold at the end of the rainbow.</p>
<p>18 Math</p> <p>Have your child practice counting by 1s, 5s, and 10s.</p>	<p>19 Sounds</p> <p>Ask your child to find pictures in magazines of objects that have the same beginning sounds.</p>	<p>20 Science</p> <p>Welcome spring by taking a nature walk and talking about how spring is different than winter.</p>	<p>21 Reading</p> <p>While shopping, help your child read signs in the store.</p>	<p>22 Rhymes</p> <p>Have your child go around the room finding things that rhyme, such as "block" and "sock" or "door" and "floor."</p>	<p>23 Songs</p> <p>While preparing meals, make up silly songs to sing together about the food you are making.</p>	<p>24 Play</p> <p>Go outside and jump rope together or play a game of hopscotch.</p>
<p>25 Math</p> <p>Gather a pile of buttons, and have your child sort them by color.</p>	<p>26 Stories</p> <p>After reading a favorite story together, act it out using puppets or stuffed animals.</p>	<p>27 Sounds</p> <p>Talk about the vowel sounds in your name and in your child's name.</p>	<p>28 Reading</p> <p>On Manatee Appreciation Day, read <i>Kobee Manatee: Heading Home to Florida</i> by Robert Scott Thayer and Lauren Gallegos.</p>	<p>29 Science</p> <p>Create an ocean in a bottle: Mix blue food coloring in a water bottle 1/3 full. Fill the rest of the bottle with cooking oil.</p>	<p>30 Rhymes</p> <p>Sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" together, and talk about the words that rhyme.</p>	<p>31 Writing</p> <p>It's National Crayon Day! Get out a variety of colors and color together to your hearts' content.</p>

