

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Reading It's April Fool's Day! Read <i>April Foolishness</i> by Teresa Bateman, illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott.	2 Writing Have your child write her name, using a different color for each letter.	3 Science It's Find a Rainbow Day. Hold a glass of water over a sheet of paper at a window with direct sunlight. Watch a rainbow form on the paper as light passes through the glass!	4 Math On National Walking Day, take a walk around the neighborhood and count all of the blue cars you see.	5 Sounds Sit quietly for one minute. Then, talk about all the sounds you heard during that time.	6 Songs What is your child's favorite song? Challenge him to sing it by heart. (If he can't remember all the words, help him make up his own!)	7 Stories Ask your child to tell you a story about something funny that happened during the day.
8 Play On National Zoo Lovers Day, take a trip to a local zoo. Or create your own zoo with stuffed animals or animal crackers!	9 Rhymes Write down the words "pink," "green," "red," "black," and "white." Can your child think of a rhyming word for each color word?	10 Songs On National Farm Animals Day, sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm."	11 Reading In honor of National Pet Day, read <i>Dogfish</i> by Gillian Shields, illustrated by Dan Taylor.	12 Math Using a ruler, go around the house and measure different objects. Which one is longest? Which is shortest?	13 Writing Before you go to the supermarket, have your child help you write a grocery list.	14 Reading In honor of National Dolphin Day, read <i>A Dolphin Up a Tree!</i> by Kimberly Foster.
15 Science Take an ice cube out of the freezer and put it in a bowl. Ask your child what he thinks it will look like in 10 minutes. Talk about what is happening to the ice cube.	16 Rhymes Read <i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</i> by Bill Martin Jr., illustrated by Eric Carle.	17 Writing Draw your favorite animals together. Have your child name her animal and write it on the page.	18 Math It's National Animal Crackers Day! Use the crackers to practice simple addition and subtraction problems. Then, enjoy a tasty snack!	19 Stories Tell your child your own version of his favorite book.	20 Science Fill a clear 1-liter bottle with 2 parts oil and 1 part water. Add a few drops of food coloring and half of an Alka Seltzer™ tablet. Watch what happens!	21 Play Have a pajama party! Wear your comfiest jammies, enjoy a snack together and watch a favorite movie. Invite your child's stuffed animals to the party!
22 Rhymes Recite favorite nursery rhymes, such as "Jack and Jill" and "Humpty Dumpty."	23 Songs While going through your nighttime routine, make up a silly song about bedtime.	24 Reading Read a nonfiction book to your child about nature. Talk about all the pictures as you read.	25 Sounds Flip through a magazine and point to different pictures. Ask your child to tell you what sound the object or animal in the picture makes.	26 Math In honor of National Pretzel Day, spread out an assortment of pretzels on a table. Use them to practice making patterns.	27 Writing Help your child write a message to a loved one in a blank greeting card. Mail or deliver the card.	28 Stories It's National Superhero Day! Tell each other stories about what you would do if you had a superpower for one day.
29 Science Walk in your backyard or visit a park and talk about all the plants and flowers that are blooming.	30 Reading Watch a show with closed captioning.	<p>Help your child get ready to learn to read!</p> <p>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>				

