

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
It's Friendship Day. Tell each other stories about fun times you've had with friends (including pets and imaginary friends!)

6 Play
On Wiggle Your Toes Day, make up a game that involves wiggling your toes.

7 Reading
It's National Lighthouse Day. Read *Hello Lighthouse* by Sophie Blackall together.

8 Science
Fill a small bowl with water and sprinkle pepper over the top of the water. Have your child put dish soap on his fingertip and touch the water. He will be amazed!

9 Reading
On Book Lovers Day, go to the library together. Have your child choose a book she loves and another book that she has never read before.

10 Songs
It's National S'mores Day. Make up a song about s'mores and sing it to the tune of a familiar song, such as "Itsy Bitsy Spider."

11 Writing
When playing in the sandbox, have your child practice writing numbers and letters in the sand with a stick or with his finger.

12 Rhymes
Together, write a rhyming poem that begins with "August is hot."

13 Stories
Have your child tell you a story about her favorite thing she has done during the summer so far.

14 Math
Cut out pictures of a variety of animals. Have your child sort the animals by color and by species.

15 Writing
Draw a grid of 10 dots across and 10 dots down. Take turns connecting two dots. After you make a box, write your initial in the box. The player with the most boxes wins.

16 Reading
Make a list before you go to the grocery store. Then while shopping, have your child help you read the list.

17 Science
Create an ocean in an empty 2-liter bottle. Fill 2/3 with water, add blue food coloring, and shake. Fill with cooking oil to the top, put the lid on and turn it upside down!

18 Songs
What is your child's favorite song? Sing it together!

19 Play
While waiting, place a coin in one hand and hide it in a fist behind your back. Then hold out both fists and ask your child to guess which one is holding the coin.

20 Sounds
On index cards, write several different animals and things that make sounds, one per card. Play a game in which you take turns drawing cards and making the sound.

21 Rhymes
Read *The Nuts: Keep Rolling* by Eric Litwin together.

22 Writing
Have your child color a picture of his favorite summertime activity.

23 Stories
Read a book about halfway through. Then stop and ask your child what she thinks will happen next and how it will end. Finish the book and see how her version compares!

24 Math
It's Waffle Day! Make some waffles and give your child fun toppings, like chocolate chips or berries. Have him count the number of toppings he is adding to his waffle.

25 Songs
Sing "Where Is Thumbkin?" and do the hand motions.

26 Reading
Celebrate National Dog Day by reading *Maggi and Milo* by Juli Brenning together.

27 Rhymes
How many words can your child think of that rhyme with "dog"?

28 Sounds
Show your child a picture of an object. Ask him to tell you what sound is at the beginning and end of the word for the object.

29 Writing
Write letters on a small piece of paper and stick the paper to the inside cover of a CD case. Give your child a dry erase marker to practice tracing the letter on the case.

30 Science
It's National Toasted Marshmallow Day. Talk about what happens to a marshmallow when it gets hot.

31 Play
Plan an end-of-summer party for your child's stuffed animals. Have her help you make invitations and decorations. Serve snacks and play music at the party!

