

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.

1 Science
Mix 1 cup vegetable oil with 8 cups flour. Let your child mold the dough to her heart's content.

2 Reading
It's Read Across America Day! Read your child's favorite book together.

3 Math
While setting the table, count how many pieces of silverware you put out.

4 Play
Dance to music and pause it at random times. Freeze when the music stops.

5 Songs
Sing "Wheels on the Bus" and do the motions.

6 Math
Collect random objects from around the house and place them on a table. How many ways can your child sort them (size, color, shape, etc.)?

7 Writing
It's National Cereal Day! Spell out simple words using pieces of cereal.

8 Reading
As you read a book with your child, look for a simple word, such as "the." Have your child point to the word when he sees it.

9 Math
Choose a room in the house. Count how many blue objects are in the room.

10 Rhymes
While shopping, look for as many rhyming objects as you can.

11 Stories
After reading a book together, have your child retell the story in her own words.

12 Science
Cut an apple into slices and divide it onto two plates. Sprinkle lemon juice on the slices on one plate. Compare the apples in 15 minutes.

13 Songs
Name one of your child's favorite musical movies, and challenge him to sing a song from it.

14 Play
It's Children's Craft Day! Cut hearts out of green construction paper, and put three hearts together with a stem to create a shamrock. Decorate.

15 Math
Use leftover cereal to practice simple addition and subtraction problems.

16 Stories
Have your child tell you a story about a leprechaun who gets lost.

17 Reading
Happy St. Patrick's Day! Read *How to Catch a Leprechaun* by Adam Wallace together.

18 Writing
Using tweezers, have your child move rice from cup to cup.

19 Play
Make puppets out of old socks and hold a puppet show.

20 Reading
Welcome spring by reading *My Spring Robin* by Anne Rockwell.

21 Science
Freeze liquid tempera paint in an ice cube tray with craft sticks in each cube. Then use the cubes to paint!

22 Math
While grocery shopping, sort the items in your cart by color and size.

23 Sounds
It's National Puppy Day! Who can make the most realistic puppy sounds?

24 Writing
Have your child write a weather report for the day, either with words or pictures.

25 Stories
Together, make up a story about a bird leaving the nest for the first time.

26 Reading
Label things around the kitchen, and have your child read the labels.

27 Play
Get out your child's favorite board games, and challenge each other to a tournament.

28 Songs
While in the car, sing your favorite songs to each other.

29 Sounds
Ask your child what sounds we hear in the spring that we don't hear in the winter.

30 Reading
Go to the library and check out a copy of your favorite book from your childhood, and read it to your child.

31 Writing
It's National Crayon Day! Get out your crayons and construction paper and color away!

