

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>1 Play It's May Day! Shape pipe cleaners into flowers, using green pipe cleaners for the stems. Place them in a vase for a lovely May Day arrangement!</p>	<p>2 Reading Read <i>Duck and Hippo in the Rainstorm</i> by Jonathan London together.</p>	<p>3 Songs Sing a familiar song very slowly, then sing it faster than usual.</p>	<p>4 Play Make a fort in the living room out of blankets and chairs.</p>	<p>5 Sounds While out running errands, talk about the sounds you hear that are different from the sounds you hear at home.</p>	<p>6 Math At the grocery store, have your child help you count out the number of apples you put in a bag.</p>	
<p>7 Science Mix 1 cup peanut butter with 1 cup of honey and 1 cup or more of powdered milk. The result is play dough that is fun and tasty!</p>	<p>8 Reading Read <i>The Day I Ran Away</i> by Holly Niner together.</p>	<p>9 Math Go on a shape hunt while shopping together. How many triangles can you find?</p>	<p>10 Rhymes Read <i>A Giraffe and a Half</i> by Shel Silverstein. Count all of the rhyming words on each page.</p>	<p>11 Stories Page through a picture book and tell each other a story based only on the pictures.</p>	<p>12 Science Plant two lima beans that have been soaked overnight in a plastic cup filled with soil. Water daily and watch them grow!</p>	<p>13 Songs Play a recording of a favorite song and sing along at the top of your lungs.</p>
<p>14 Reading Read a weather forecast for the week on the Internet.</p>	<p>15 Math On National Chocolate Chip Day, make chocolate chip pancakes together. Count the chocolate chips as you add them to the batter.</p>	<p>16 Reading Read a book that was one of your favorites when you were a child.</p>	<p>17 Rhymes Play a song with rhyming words, such as "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."</p>	<p>18 Writing Have your child draw pictures with glue on heavy paper, then sprinkle glitter over them.</p>	<p>19 Reading On Endangered Species Day, check out a book from the library about giant pandas, blue whales, or another endangered species. Read it together and talk about the pictures.</p>	<p>20 Play Go to a park and enjoy some play time together.</p>
<p>21 Science Cut a heart shape out of dark paper. Place a piece of construction paper in a sunny spot and place the heart in the middle. Soon you'll have a sun print!</p>	<p>22 Math Take a walk around the neighborhood and count how many birds you see.</p>	<p>23 Sounds How many different sounds can you make with your hands? Clapping, snapping, tapping...</p>	<p>24 Writing Have your child write "May" on a sheet of construction paper. Then have her draw pictures of things that have to do with the month of May.</p>	<p>25 Rhymes Go to the library and find a rhyming picture book to read together.</p>	<p>26 Reading While grocery shopping, give your child a letter or a word to find, such as "sale."</p>	<p>27 Play Turn your living room into a make-believe classroom, with your child's dolls as the students.</p>
<p>28 Stories Ask your child to tell you a story that involves the weather.</p>	<p>29 Math Fill a small clear jar with colored candies. Ask your child how many candies he thinks are in the jar. Count them together. Then count how many there are of each color.</p>	<p>30 Science Fly a kite together and talk about what makes the kite fly.</p>	<p>31 Writing Use finger paint to draw shapes and write letters.</p>	<p>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>		

