

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

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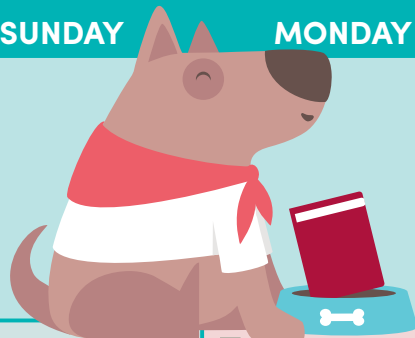
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Help your child get ready to learn to read!

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.

1 Stories

Have your child tell you a story about her favorite thing to do in the summer.

2 Reading

Read *Let It Shine* by Maryann Cocca-Leffler together.

3 Songs

It's National Repeat Day. Sing a favorite song together, singing each verse twice.

4 Writing

Help your child write the name of her favorite animal. Then, have her draw a picture of it.

5 Play

It's National Gingerbread Day! Use graham crackers, frosting, and candy to create a summer-themed gingerbread house.

6 Math

Have your child count groups of things in his room, such as dolls, shirts, crayons, etc.

7 Science

Add a teaspoon of dishwashing liquid to a half cup of tempera paint. Do this with several colors. Spread out a piece of aluminum foil and have your child paint on it.

8 Reading

On Best Friends Day, read a story about friendship, such as *Big Friends* by Linda Sarah.

9 Sounds

Go on a sound scavenger hunt—as you walk around the neighborhood, listen for certain sounds, such as birds singing, car horns, etc.

10 Rhymes

Make up a rhyming poem together that uses words that rhyme with the word "fun."

11 Science

Make a bird feeder by slathering peanut butter on an empty corn cob and sticking bird feed to it. Put it where you can watch the birds eat from a window.

12 Writing

Have your child draw a picture of you.

13 Songs

Play a simple game: play a few seconds of a song and see if your child can guess the name of the song.

14 Reading

Read the back of the cereal box together at breakfast time.

15 Math

Flip through a magazine and look at the pictures. Choose something to count in the magazine. How many cars do you see? How many people wearing hats?

16 Writing

It's Flip Flop Day! Get flip flops from the dollar store and have your child write her name and/or draw pictures on the flip flops. Use glitter glue for an extra touch!

17 Rhymes

Go to the library and ask for help finding a book with rhyming text, then read it together.

18 Stories

Open a picture book to a random page and cover up the words. Have your child tell you a story based on the picture on the page.

19 Reading

While shopping, point out the words on the packages of the items you buy. Help your child read the packages.

20 Science

Make lemonade by placing a quarter of a lemon in a zip-top bag and adding ½ cup of water and 1 tsp. sugar. Close the bag and mix for 30 seconds. Add a straw and enjoy!

21 Play

It's the first official day of summer! Head to a park and play in the sandbox together.

22 Math

Help your child draw simple shapes on two craft sticks, with half of the shape on one stick and the other half on the other. Mix them up and challenge him to match the sticks.

23 Writing

On National Pink Day, have your child write the word "pink" on a piece of paper. Then, have her decorate the page with pink drawings.

24 Sounds

Ask your child what sounds he thinks of when he thinks of summer.

25 Rhymes

Go around the house and find things that rhyme (e.g. a sock and a block). Spread the items out on a table and have your child find the things that rhyme.

26 Reading

Read *Summer Days and Nights* by Wong Herbert Yee together.

27 Play

Build a castle out of blocks.

28 Stories

Make up a story together, taking turns telling parts of the story.

29 Math

While folding laundry, ask your child to solve simple math problems using socks. (2 socks + 1 sock equals how many socks?)

30 Science

On a metal baking sheet, place three dollops of paint—red, blue, and yellow. Have your child press a sheet of white paper down on the pan and squish all the colors together.

