

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

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.



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<p>2 Math</p> <p>Write the numbers 1–10 on index cards. Draw the same number of dots for each number on index cards. Have your child match the dots to the numbers.</p>	<p>3 Reading</p> <p>Read <i>Happy 4th of July, Jenny Sweeney!</i> by Leslie Kimmelman together.</p>	<p>4 Play</p> <p>Happy 4th of July! Make a patriotic fan by taping a popsicle stick to a paper plate, then painting the back of the plate red, white, and blue. Have a parade!</p>	<p>5 Writing</p> <p>It's National Graham Cracker Day! Write simple words on crackers using frosting, then eat your tasty treats!</p>	<p>6 Play</p> <p>It's Macaroni Day! Paint pieces of dried macaroni, let them dry, and string them on yarn to make necklaces.</p>	<p>7 Science</p> <p>Find two different sized containers and fill them with water. Ask your child which one holds more. Then pour each into a large measuring cup. Was she right?</p>	<p>1 Stories</p> <p>Ask your child to tell you a story about an animal who goes on an exciting summer vacation.</p>
<p>9 Sounds</p> <p>Together, make a list of different sounds, such as a dog barking, the wind in the trees, etc. Then go through the list and tell each other whether you like each sound or not.</p>	<p>10 Rhymes</p> <p>Read <i>My Truck Is Stuck!</i> by Kevin Lewis, then flip through it a second time and talk about the rhyming words.</p>	<p>11 Writing</p> <p>Have your child draw a picture to represent the weather for the day (such as a sun, raindrops, or clouds). Keep it up all week!</p>	<p>12 Play</p> <p>On Paper Bag Day, make puppets using paper bags, markers, and other craft materials. Then, put on a puppet show.</p>	<p>13 Songs</p> <p>Sing "The Wheels on the Bus" and do motions to match the words.</p>	<p>14 Science</p> <p>It's Mac and Cheese Day! Make some together and talk about what is happening to the ingredients as you follow the recipe.</p>	<p>15 Math</p> <p>Put a drop of colored paint in each well of an empty egg carton and let dry. Have your child sort buttons or other small colored objects into the correct wells.</p>
<p>16 Writing</p> <p>Set out Q-tips and paint in various colors. Have your child paint a picture using Q-tips.</p>	<p>17 Rhymes</p> <p>What rhymes with the word "hot"? Together, make a list of as many words as you can think of.</p>	<p>18 Stories</p> <p>After reading one of your child's favorite books together, ask your child to tell you the story in her own words.</p>	<p>19 Reading</p> <p>Look at a calendar together and help your child read the names of the months.</p>	<p>20 Songs</p> <p>As you are riding in the car, turn off the radio and sing songs with your child instead.</p>	<p>21 Play</p> <p>Head to a park and go on the swings with your child!</p>	<p>22 Math</p> <p>Think of a number from 1 to 10. Have your child guess the number. With each guess, say "higher" or "lower" until she guesses the right number.</p>
<p>23 Writing</p> <p>Pour a layer of cornmeal or sugar onto a tray. Have your child practice writing in it with her finger.</p>	<p>24 Sounds</p> <p>Ask your child, "What is your favorite sound and why?" Then ask, "What is your least favorite sound and why?"</p>	<p>25 Rhymes</p> <p>Sing a song with rhyming words, such as "Do Your Ears Hang Low?"</p>	<p>26 Reading</p> <p>Go to the nonfiction section at your library, and have your child pick out a book on a topic that interests him, such as dolphins, Mars, or baseball.</p>	<p>27 Science</p> <p>Roll out modeling clay with a rolling pin. Have your child press flowers into the clay and remove them to make flower impressions.</p>	<p>28 Stories</p> <p>Cut out two or three pictures from magazines and show them to your child. Have her tell you a story based on the pictures.</p>	<p>29 Play</p> <p>It's National Dance Day! Play your child's favorite music and dance away!</p>
<p>30 Writing</p> <p>Write a series of letters or numbers on a piece of paper. Then, have your child trace them with crayons, using a different color for each letter or number.</p>	<p>31 Sounds</p> <p>Talk about the various sounds you hear as you go about your day.</p>					

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