

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 Stories Ask your child to tell you a story about her favorite thing she has done this summer.	2 Play Play Hide and Seek with your child's stuffed animals (hide the animals on your turn).	3 Songs Together, sing your child's favorite song. Then take turns singing it again, changing the words to make it funny or silly.	4 Math It's National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day! Bake cookies in different shapes using cookie cutters, and have your child sort them by shape.	5 Writing Have your child dip a Q-tip in paint and practice writing letters.
6 Reading On Friendship Day, read <i>Giraffe Friendship</i> by Michael Gordon.	7 Science Poke holes in the lid of a jar and fill it with twigs and leaves. Help your child capture a bug in the jar. Have him draw the bug and talk about what it's doing. Then set the bug free!	8 Reading While out for a walk, help your child read the words on any signs you see.	9 Sounds Fill three small plastic jars, one with rice, one with buttons, and one with paper clips. Put lids on the jars and have your child shake each one. How are the sounds different?	10 Rhymes It's National S'mores Day! How many words can you think of that rhyme with "s'more"?	11 Writing Draw pictures of each other.	12 Play It's Bowling Day! Set up 10 empty plastic bottles in rows, and take turns rolling a soft soccer ball to knock them down.
13 Songs Sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" and do the motions to match the words.	14 Science Go for a nature walk together. Talk to your child about the names of animals and plants that you see.	15 Math Write the numbers 1-10 on index cards, one per card. Put the cards in a bag. Provide a pile of pennies. Have your child choose a card, then count out that number of pennies.	16 Writing Let your child practice writing letters in the sand while playing in the sandbox.	17 Rhymes Read <i>What About Moose?</i> by Corey Rosen Schwartz and Rebecca J. Gomez.	18 Stories After watching a movie or show together, ask your child to tell you what happened in her own words.	19 Reading While at the grocery store, help your child read the words on the packages you place in the cart.
20 Play Get out your child's favorite game and have a tournament.	21 Sounds Show your child pictures from a magazine. Ask her what sound she thinks of when she sees the picture.	22 Math Have your child help you put away the laundry. Have him describe each item as he puts it away (color, shape, etc.).	23 Writing Have your child look out the window and draw a picture of something she sees.	24 Science It's Waffle Day! Make some waffles from scratch, and talk about what is happening to the batter in the waffle iron.	25 Rhymes Play "I Spy" with rhyming words. For example, "I spy something that rhymes with 'look.'"	26 Reading Read <i>The Thing Lou Couldn't Do</i> by Ashley Spires.
27 Science Help your child mix red and blue paint to create different shades. Then, have her paint a picture with her new colors.	28 Stories Ask your child to look at the cover of a picture book and tell you a story based on the picture.	29 Play Play "restaurant." Have your child take your order.	30 Writing Make an alphabet book. Help your child write a letter on each page. Find a picture of an object that starts with the letter and attach it to the page.	31 Songs In the car, play your child's favorite music and sing along!		

