

# 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 Reading

It's Primate Day! Read *Good Night Gorilla* by Peggy Rathmann, talking about the details in the pictures as you go.

## 2 Songs

As you go about your day, sing songs about what you are doing to the tune of familiar songs.

## 3 Math

Mix up pairs of colorful socks, and have your child match them.

## 4 Play

Make up a new game where you pretend to be different animals.

## 5 Science

On Cheese Pizza Day, make mini pizzas with refrigerated biscuit dough, sauce, and mozzarella. Talk about what happens to the cheese as they bake.

## 6 Sounds

While at the library, have your child pick out books whose titles start with the letter "S."

## 7 Writing

Have your child string beads onto pipe cleaners.

## 8 Rhymes

Fill a basket with several items, such as glue, markers, and paper. Say a word, real or made-up, that rhymes with one of the objects, and have your child choose the rhyming object.

## 9 Play

It's Teddy Bear Day! Have your child gather her teddy bears and stuffed animals, and hold a slumber party for them.

## 10 Stories

On Grandparents Day, tell your child a funny story about one of her grandparents.

## 11 Songs

Sing the words to a familiar song to the tune of a different song.

## 12 Reading

As you read a book together, take turns saying what you think will happen next in the story.

## 13 Writing

Have your child draw a picture of you while you draw a picture of your child.

## 14 Math

Go around the house and ask your child to find as many circular objects as she can.

## 15 Sounds

Sit quietly for a few minutes, then talk about all of the sounds that you heard during that time.

## 16 Play

Get out multiple colors of play dough and let your imaginations run wild!

## 17 Rhymes

Give your child an object, such as a hat or a sock. Then, have him flip through a magazine looking for pictures of things that rhyme with the object.

## 18 Stories

Read your child's favorite book together. Then, talk about what she likes most about the story.

## 19 Reading

It's Talk Like a Pirate Day! Read *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long and David Shannon.

## 20 Writing

Have your child trace her hand on a piece of paper. Then, have her trace the outline of her hand with a marker and color it in.

## 21 Science

Fill a clear plastic container with small metal objects, such as bobby pins, paper clips, and nuts and bolts. Let your child use a magnet to lift the objects.

## 22 Math

At breakfast time, use pieces of cereal for simple math problems.

## 23 Songs

Sing a song as loudly as you can. Then, sing the same song as softly as you can.

## 24 Play

Build a fort in the living room out of blankets and cardboard boxes.

## 25 Sounds

As you drive in the car, ask your child to describe the sounds he hears.

## 26 Math

It's Pancake Day! Make some together, counting them as you go.

## 27 Writing

Have your child color a picture using different shades of green.

## 28 Reading

Read *We're Going On a Leaf Hunt!* by Steve Metzger together.

## 29 Science

Go for a nature walk and talk about the animals you see.

## 30 Rhymes

Draw a picture on a chalkboard of a flower, grass, a house, and the sun. Say a word, such as "mouse," then have your child erase the picture that rhymes with the word.