

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Math Have your child tell you three wishes she has for the new year. Then, tell her three of your own wishes. How many wishes is that altogether?	2 Songs Make up a new song about a snowflake and sing it to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot."	3 Reading Read <i>The Itsy Bitsy Snowman</i> by Jeffrey Burton together.	4 Rhymes Read a rhyming book together, such as <i>Sheep in a Jeep</i> by Nancy E. Shaw.	5 Stories Show your child several pictures, and have her tell you a story based on what she sees.	6 Reading On Cuddle Up Day, grab a pile of favorite books and a comfy blanket, and cuddle up and read together.
7 Writing Write letters on white paper. Then, have your child trace each letter several times with different colored pencils.	8 Science It's Bubble Bath Day! In a squeeze bottle, mix 1 cup shampoo with 1½ cups water, and mix in a few drops of food coloring. Squirt under running water for a fun bath time!	9 Play Play a game in which you each pretend to be a different animal.	10 Stories After reading a book together, have your child tell you the story in her own words.	11 Songs Sing "Do Your Ears Hang Low?" and act it out as you sing.	12 Reading Open a book. Ask your child how many words he can pick out on the page.	13 Stories In honor of Make Your Dream Come True Day, tell your child a story about a time you did something that felt like a dream come true!
14 Math Give your child an object, such as a plastic cup. Go around the house and ask your child to find objects that are bigger or smaller than the cup.	15 Sounds Ask your child what her favorite sound is and why. Then, share your favorite sound.	16 Play Ask your child to teach you his favorite game. Let him make up his own rules!	17 Rhymes Together, write a rhyming poem about an animal.	18 Stories Take turns telling a story about a melting snowman.	19 Science Celebrate National Popcorn Day by making a batch of popcorn to enjoy together and talking about what makes the kernels pop.	20 Writing Help your child make a bookmark. Write the word READ on it and let her decorate it with markers or stickers.
21 Science Mix 2 tsp. baking soda with 1 cup water in a tall glass. Add several 1-inch pieces of spaghetti and 5 tsp. of vinegar. Watch what happens!	22 Math At breakfast time, have your child count the number of eggs in the carton.	23 Reading Celebrate National Pie Day by reading <i>All for Pie, Pie for All</i> by David Martin and Valeri Gorbachev.	24 Play Take turns playing Simon Says.	25 Sounds Have your child listen to two different versions of the same song. Ask her which one she liked better and why.	26 Science Find a few foods that taste different, such as salty, sweet, and sour. Ask your child which he likes best!	27 Writing Have your child paint a picture by dipping Q-tips into paint.
28 Reading Read <i>The Missing Mitten Mystery</i> by Steven Kellogg together.	29 Play On National Puzzle Day, put a simple puzzle together with your child.	30 Rhymes While reading a book together, look for rhyming words on each page.	31 Writing It's Inspire Your Heart with Art Day! Have your child draw a picture of anything her heart desires.	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.		

