

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 On National Mother Goose Day, read your favorite nursery rhymes together.	2 Writing Have your child draw a picture of her favorite flower.	3 Math Using pieces of candy, help your child practice simple addition and subtraction problems.	4 Science It's National Weather Observers Day. Have your child make a chart or draw a picture of the weather in the morning, afternoon, and evening.	5 Reading Celebrate Cinco de Mayo by reading <i>Cinco de Mouse-O</i> by Judy Cox.
6 Songs While riding in the car, sing a song about your day.	7 Stories Ask your child to tell you a story about her favorite animal.	8 Play On National Sleepover Day, throw a sleepover party for your child's stuffed animals. Don't forget the snacks!	9 Rhymes Write down the words "one," "two," "three," "four," and "five." Can your child think of a rhyming word for each number word?	10 Sounds While at the park, sit quietly for one minute. Then, talk about all of the sounds you heard.	11 Reading While grocery shopping, give your child a word to look for, such as "sweet" or "crunchy."	12 Math Read <i>Counting in the Garden</i> by Emily Hruby, and let your child count all of the garden treasures on the pages.
13 Writing In the morning, have your child help you write a to-do list for the day.	14 Songs Play some of your child's favorite songs and have a dance party in the living room.	15 Science On National Chocolate Chip Day, make chocolate chip pancakes together. Talk about what happens to the batter when you cook it.	16 Math On National Love a Tree Day, take a walk together and count all the trees you see.	17 Play Get out your favorite board game, but play it with your own rules.	18 Math It's National Pizza Party Day! Make a homemade pizza together and count the toppings as you add them to the crust.	19 Rhymes Make up your own silly rhymes together that begin with "Roses are red."
20 Sounds Look at the pictures in a book or magazine together. What sounds do the pictures make your child think of?	21 Reading Read <i>Bear Wants More</i> by Karma Wilson.	22 Play On Vanilla Pudding Day, set out a baking pan, dishes of vanilla pudding colored with food coloring, and a spatula. Let your child "paint" away!	23 Science Pour milk in a saucer and drop in different colors of food coloring. Dip a Q-tip in dish soap, then swirl it slowly through the milk and watch what happens!	24 Writing Have your child write the word "May" on a piece of paper, using a different color for every letter. Then let her decorate the page.	25 Sounds Talk about the difference between winter sounds and spring sounds.	26 Math While doing laundry, have your child sort the clothes by type or by color.
27 Writing Go outside and draw pictures on the driveway or sidewalk with sidewalk chalk.	28 Stories Tell your child a story about something funny that happened when you were her age.	29 Reading Go to the library and have your child choose a nonfiction book to read together.	30 Science On National Water a Flower Day, plant a flower in a pot and place it in a sunny window. Be sure to water it regularly!	31 Play Have a picnic outside with your child and his favorite stuffed animals.		

