

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Math Make a summer fruit salad together. Count how many of each type of fruit you put in as you are making it.	2 Science Put an ice cube in a glass of water and lay a piece of wet string over the ice. Sprinkle salt over the ice. After one minute, pick up the ice cube with the string.	3 Writing Have your child draw a picture of her favorite summertime activity.	4 Reading Happy Independence Day! Read <i>Curious George Parade Day</i> by H.A. Rey.	5 Writing It's National Graham Cracker Day. Have your child write her name in icing on a graham cracker. Then, enjoy a tasty snack!	6 Songs Make up new lyrics about summer to the tune of a familiar song.	7 Math On National Macaroni Day, use pieces of dry macaroni to solve simple addition and subtraction problems.
8 Rhymes Read <i>The Wonder of a Summer Day</i> by Laura Becker.	9 Science Celebrate National Sugar Cookie Day by making some together and talking about what happens to the dough as it bakes.	10 Sounds Ask your child, "What are your favorite sounds of summer?"	11 Writing Have your child slide beads onto pipe cleaners to practice the pincer grip.	12 Play It's National Paper Bag Day. Make puppets using paper bags and craft supplies, and then put on a puppet show!	13 Songs Sing while taking a walk around the neighborhood together.	14 Math On National Tape Measure Day, get out a tape measure and help your child measure different objects. Compare the lengths of the objects.
15 Reading Celebrate National Ice Cream Day by reading <i>Wemberly's Ice-Cream Star</i> by Kevin Henkes.	16 Science Make your own "sand" by mixing 4 cups of whole wheat flour with ½ cup vegetable oil. Let your child make shapes and designs in the sand!	17 Stories Tell your child a story about one of your favorite childhood summer memories.	18 Rhymes Show your child pictures of animals, such as a dog, a cat, a pig, and a snake. Have him tell you a word that rhymes with each animal name.	19 Play Take a trip to the park together and play a game of "I Spy."	20 Sounds Choose a letter, and have your child think of as many words as she can that begin with that sound.	21 Math While grocery shopping, have your child help you sort the items in the cart by color or by shape.
22 Writing Together, draw a picture on a dry-erase board. Tomorrow, erase it and draw a new picture!	23 Songs Play a familiar song for your child. Then, ask your child how the song makes him feel.	24 Reading It's National Cousins Day. Celebrate by reading <i>Dozens of Cousins</i> by Shutta Crum.	25 Science Make fog in a jar: Fill a jar with very hot water, then pour most of the water out and place a baggie full of ice cubes across the top of the jar. Watch as fog forms!	26 Sounds While at the beach or the park, talk about the sounds you hear. How are these sounds different than the sounds at home?	27 Writing Pour sugar or flour onto a tray. Have your child use her finger to draw designs or write letters.	28 Songs On National Dance Day, play your child's favorite songs. Sing along and have a dance party!
29 Reading Read <i>Scaredy Squirrel at the Beach</i> by Mélanie Watt.	30 Stories Have your child tell you a story about an imaginary friend.	31 Math Write the numbers 1 – 10 on colored index cards and hide them around the room. Have your child find the cards and put them in the correct order.	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.			

