

# Daily Fun with Your Little One!

## 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.



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<p><b>2 Writing</b></p> <p>Have your child draw pictures of objects for each color of the rainbow.</p>	<p><b>3 Math</b></p> <p>Use colored blocks or toys to make a simple pattern together.</p>	<p><b>4 Sounds</b></p> <p>Celebrate National Wildlife Day by asking your child what her favorite animal is. What sounds does that animal make?</p>	<p><b>5 Science</b></p> <p>Have your child help you frost cupcakes or cookies. Start with white frosting, and have your child guess what color the frosting will be after mixing different shades of food coloring.</p>	<p><b>6 Play</b></p> <p>Get out your child's favorite board game. Have your child make up new rules for the game.</p>	<p><b>7 Reading</b></p> <p>Check out a poetry book from the library, and choose some poems to read together.</p>	<p><b>8 Rhymes</b></p> <p>Read <i>Sheep in a Jeep</i> by Nancy Shaw together.</p>
<p><b>9 Play</b></p> <p>It's National Teddy Bear Day! Hold a teddy bear picnic in your yard or your living room, complete with a picnic blanket and basket. Invite all of your child's teddy bears and dolls.</p>	<p><b>10 Songs</b></p> <p>Turn on some music and sing and dance while you do things around the house together.</p>	<p><b>11 Math</b></p> <p>It's National Ants on a Log Day. Make this healthy snack together with peanut butter, celery and raisins. Count how many "ants" (raisins) you add to each.</p>	<p><b>12 Stories</b></p> <p>Ask your child what he thinks his pet or a favorite stuffed animal does during the day.</p>	<p><b>13 Sounds</b></p> <p>Label items in a certain room of your house. Walk around the room with your child and sound out the words together. Ask her what the beginning or ending sound is for each word.</p>	<p><b>14 Science</b></p> <p>Take a nature walk, picking up leaves as you go. Ask your child to describe how the leaves feel.</p>	<p><b>15 Writing</b></p> <p>Play restaurant. Give your child your order and have him "write" it down on a notepad.</p>
<p><b>16 Play</b></p> <p>Make puppets out of paper bags and put on a puppet show.</p>	<p><b>17 Sounds</b></p> <p>Talk about how the sounds you hear in the fall are different from the sounds you hear during the summer.</p>	<p><b>18 Rhymes</b></p> <p>As you read a picture book together, point to different pictures, and ask your child to think of a word that rhymes with the object in the picture.</p>	<p><b>19 Reading</b></p> <p>It's Talk Like a Pirate Day. Celebrate by reading <i>Pirates Love Underpants</i> by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort.</p>	<p><b>20 Math</b></p> <p>On National Pepperoni Pizza Day, make a pizza together, counting the pepperoni pieces as you add them.</p>	<p><b>21 Play</b></p> <p>Hide an object, such as a book or stuffed animal, in your house. Give your child clues on how to find it. Tell her if she is getting "hotter" or "colder" as she looks.</p>	<p><b>22 Songs</b></p> <p>It's Elephant Appreciation Day. Make up a song about an elephant to the tune of a familiar song, such as "The Wheels on the Bus."</p>
<p><b>23 Science</b></p> <p>Make melting sidewalk chalk by mixing equal parts cornstarch and water, adding food coloring, and freezing into cubes.</p>	<p><b>24 Reading</b></p> <p>It's National Punctuation Day! Read <i>Punctuation Takes a Vacation</i> by Robin Pulver together.</p>	<p><b>25 Math</b></p> <p>Have your child count the number of books on a bookshelf.</p>	<p><b>26 Reading</b></p> <p>It's National Pancake Day! Read <i>If You Give a Pig a Pancake</i> by Laura Numeroff together.</p>	<p><b>27 Rhymes</b></p> <p>Have your child think of as many words as he can that rhyme with "fall."</p>	<p><b>28 Writing</b></p> <p>On National Good Neighbor Day, have your child color a cheerful picture and help her write a short note on it. Then mail or give it to a neighbor.</p>	<p><b>29 Songs</b></p> <p>Sing your child's favorite song in a monster voice or another silly voice.</p>
<p><b>30 Science</b></p> <p>Talk about what is happening to the leaves on the trees as they begin to change colors.</p>						

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