

# 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 Sounds</b></p> <p>Ask your child to think of words with the same beginning sound as "winter."</p>	<p><b>3 Writing</b></p> <p>It's Roof Over Your Head Day. Ask your child to draw a picture of his dream house. What is it made out of? Is it big or small?</p>	<p><b>4 Songs</b></p> <p>It's National Cookie Day. Make up a song about cookies and sing it to a familiar tune.</p>	<p><b>5 Rhymes</b></p> <p>Show your child a picture of an animal, such as a cat or a mouse. Then, have her find pictures of objects that rhyme with the animal.</p>	<p><b>6 Reading</b></p> <p>While grocery shopping, have your child help you read your shopping list.</p>	<p><b>7 Writing</b></p> <p>On National Letter Writing Day, have your child help you write a letter to a friend or relative. Don't forget to mail it!</p>	<p><b>8 Science</b></p> <p>It's National Brownie Day. Make some together and talk about what is happening to the batter as it bakes in the oven.</p>	
<p><b>9 Math</b></p> <p>On National Pastry Day, show your child measuring cups and spoons, and talk about the importance of measuring ingredients when baking.</p>	<p><b>10 Stories</b></p> <p>Have your child tell you a story about a snowman.</p>	<p><b>11 Science</b></p> <p>On International Mountain Day, get out a map of the country and show your child what mountains look like on the map.</p>	<p><b>12 Play</b></p> <p>It's Gingerbread House Day. Get out the graham crackers, frosting and candy, and be creative!</p>	<p><b>13 Math</b></p> <p>On National Cocoa Day, enjoy some cocoa with marshmallows. Use the marshmallows for simple counting activities before you add them to your drinks.</p>	<p><b>14 Reading</b></p> <p>In honor of National Monkey Day, read <i>Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed</i> by Eileen Christelow.</p>	<p><b>15 Writing</b></p> <p>On National Cupcake Day, have your child think up her own cupcake creation and draw a picture of it.</p>	
<p><b>16 Play</b></p> <p>On Chocolate-covered Anything Day, have fun making a chocolate-covered treat together.</p>	<p><b>17 Science</b></p> <p>Make paper airplanes together to celebrate Wright Brothers Day.</p>	<p><b>18 Rhymes</b></p> <p>Read <i>There Was a Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow</i> by Lucille Colandro together.</p>	<p><b>19 Math</b></p> <p>Put your family's socks in a basket, and have your child sort them by color and size.</p>	<p><b>20 Songs</b></p> <p>It's Go Caroling Day. Have your child take her stuffed animals caroling around the house!</p>	<p><b>21 Sounds</b></p> <p>Ask your child what sound reminds him most of the holidays.</p>	<p><b>22 Rhymes</b></p> <p>How many words can your child think of that rhyme with "cold"?</p>	
<p><b>23 Stories</b></p> <p>On National Roots Day, tell your child stories about her grandparents or other relatives.</p>	<p><b>24 Reading</b></p> <p>Read <i>The Polar Express</i> by Chris Van Allsburg together.</p>	<p><b>25 Songs</b></p> <p>Sing your own versions of your favorite holiday songs together.</p>	<p><b>26 Math</b></p> <p>It's National Candy Cane Day. How many shapes can you make using candy canes?</p>	<p><b>27 Writing</b></p> <p>Get out the scissors and start making unique creations on Make Cut-out Snowflakes Day!</p>	<p><b>28 Play</b></p> <p>It's National Card Playing Day. Play a simple game together, such as Go Fish.</p>	<p><b>29 Science</b></p> <p>Make your own snow in a bowl with one cup of baking soda and shaving cream.</p>	
<p><b>30 Reading</b></p> <p>Read <i>Owl Moon</i> by Jane Yolen together.</p>	<p><b>31 Stories</b></p> <p>Ask your child to tell you a story about the funniest thing that happened during 2018. Then tell your own story!</p>	<p><b>December 2018</b></p>					<p><b>Upstart</b></p>

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