

# 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 Writing**  
On New Year's Day, have your child draw a picture of something she is looking forward to in the coming year.

**2 Sounds**  
What words can your child think of that have the same beginning sound as "January"?

**3 Stories**  
Tell your child a story about a time you set a New Year's goal and you accomplished the goal.

**4 Songs**  
Beat the winter blues by turning on your child's favorite songs and dancing together!

**5 Math**  
On National Bird Day, bundle up and go for a walk, counting the number of birds you see.

**6 Reading**  
National Cuddle Up Day is the perfect day to cuddle up with your child and read his favorite book together!

**7 Rhymes**  
How many different rhyming poems that start with "Roses are red" can you and your child think of?

**8 Science**  
On National Bubble Bath Day, mix 1 cup shampoo, 1 ½ cups water, and food coloring in an empty shampoo bottle and shake it. Squeeze under running water.

**9 Writing**  
Pour sugar in a tray, enough to cover the bottom. Let your child use her finger to write and draw in the sugar.

**10 Play**  
Make snowmen out of cotton balls and glue.

**11 Science**  
Cover the bottom of a plate with milk. Add one drop each of red, yellow, green, and blue food coloring. Dip one end of a cotton swab in dish soap and hold it in the middle of the milk.

**12 Songs**  
Sing "Do Your Ears Hang Low?" and march along as you sing.

**13 Math**  
On National Sticker Day, write the numbers 1-10 on separate pieces of paper. Have your child place the corresponding number of dot stickers on each paper.

**14 Sounds**  
Ask your child how many color words she can think of that start with the "b" sound.

**15 Stories**  
Have your child tell you a story about what her stuffed animals do all day when they are home alone.

**16 Play**  
Create your own library by setting up books and magazines in the living room. Help your child make library cards and sign up family members and friends.

**17 Rhymes**  
Sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" together.

**18 Reading**  
On National Winnie the Pooh Day, read a few favorites from the *Winnie the Pooh 5-Minute Stories* collection.

**19 Math**  
On National Popcorn Day, make some popcorn together, then use the pieces to do simple addition and subtraction problems before you eat them.

**20 Songs**  
Make up a song about a snowman and sing it to a familiar tune.

**21 Reading**  
It's National Squirrel Appreciation Day. Read *Those Darn Squirrels!* by Adam Rubin together.

**22 Sounds**  
Ask your child what his favorite sounds are at different times of day.

**23 Writing**  
On National Handwriting Day, have your child practice printing her name in different colors.

**24 Math**  
Have your child count different objects around the house, such as toys, books, or pens.

**25 Play**  
Get silly on National Opposite Day! Have dinner for breakfast, say "good morning" at night, and say "hello" when you leave the room.

**26 Rhymes**  
Read *Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn Buehner together.

**27 Science**  
On National Chocolate Cake Day, bake one together, and talk about how the batter will change after it goes in the oven.

**28 Stories**  
Read *Tuesday* by David Wiesner, and have your child tell the story as you look at the pictures.

**29 Play**  
It's National Puzzle Day. Get out a few favorite puzzles and put them together with your child.

**30 Reading**  
Read *Snow* by Cynthia Rylant together.

**31 Writing**  
On Inspire Your Heart with Art Day, give your child crayons and markers, and have him draw to his heart's content!

