

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
It's Bubble Gum Day! Read *The Bubble Gum Girl* by Jim O'Brien together.

2 Writing
It's Groundhog Day! Ask your child if she thinks the groundhog will see its shadow. Have her draw a picture of her answer.

3 Play
Pretend that your house is a hotel. Make the living room the lobby and have your child check you and other family members in at the hotel.

4 Songs
Ask your child what songs make him feel happy. Then play the songs and dance away!

5 Play
On National Weatherperson's Day, have your child make up a weather forecast and pretend she is reading the forecast on the radio.

6 Rhymes
Ask your child how many words he can think of that rhyme with "bear."

7 Writing
It's Send a Card to a Friend Day. Have your child draw a picture in a card for a friend. Then mail the card together.

8 Science
On National Kite Flying Day, talk about what makes a kite fly. Then, if weather allows, go to a park and fly a kite!

9 Math
It's National Pizza Day! Make a pizza together, counting all of the toppings as you add them.

10 Sounds
What words can your child think of that have the same beginning sound as "valentine?"

11 Stories
On National Make a Friend Day, have your child tell you a story about a friend she made. The friend can be a person, a pet, or even a stuffed animal.

12 Play
Make lines on the floor with masking tape (including some that zig zag) and see who can walk down them the fastest without stepping off the lines.

13 Writing
Get out colorful paper, markers, and stickers, and make valentines together to give to friends and family.

14 Reading
Happy Valentine's Day! Read *Mr. Goat's Valentine* by Eve Bunting together.

15 Rhymes
Go to the library and check out a book of rhyming poems.

16 Science
Blow up a couple of balloons, and see how long you can keep them from touching the floor.

17 Stories
On Random Acts of Kindness Day, tell each other stories about times others were kind to you. How did it make you feel?

18 Math
Send your child on a shape hunt. How many things can he find that are in the shape of a square?

19 Songs
Sing a song together in a very high voice. Then, sing a song in a very low voice.

20 Reading
On National Love Your Pet Day, read *Silly Doggy!* by Adam Stower together.

21 Science
Fill a plastic cup half full with water, add a few drops of dish soap, and place it on a pan. Give your child a straw, and have her blow bubble towers! (Remind her not to suck in the water!)

22 Sounds
Show your child pictures of different animals, and ask him what sounds each animal makes.

23 Writing
Mix shaving cream and food coloring, and have your child practice writing in it with her finger (the bathtub works well for this!)

24 Rhymes
Have your child look around the room for pairs of rhyming objects.

25 Math
Have your child practice counting by 5s and 10s.

26 Stories
On National Tell a Fairy Tale Day, make up your own fairy tale together. Begin with "Once upon a time . . ."

27 Songs
On National Polar Bear Day, make up a song about a polar bear and sing it to the tune of "Itsy Bitsy Spider."

28 Reading
It's National Tooth Fairy Day. Read *The Berenstain Bears and the Tooth Fairy* by Jan Berenstain together.

