

# 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>3 Math</b></p> <p>Have your child count the number of steps it takes to walk across his bedroom and back again.</p>	<p><b>4 Songs</b></p> <p>Make up a song about your child's favorite animal, and sing it to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."</p>	<p><b>5 Stories</b></p> <p>After reading a favorite story together, have your child make up a different ending.</p>	<p><b>6 Rhymes</b></p> <p>Create a matching game by writing simple rhyming words on index cards and having your child create rhyming pairs.</p>	<p><b>7 Play</b></p> <p>It's National Cereal Day. Make necklaces or bracelets by stringing Fruit Loops on elastic cord.</p>	<p><b>8 Writing</b></p> <p>Create a picture by peeling stickers and placing them on colorful paper.</p>	<p><b>9 Math</b></p> <p>When doing laundry, have your child sort the clothes by color.</p>
<p><b>10 Sounds</b></p> <p>What words can your child think of that have the same ending sound as the word "shamrock"?</p>	<p><b>11 Songs</b></p> <p>Sing a song from your child's favorite animated movie.</p>	<p><b>12 Science</b></p> <p>It's National Plant a Flower Day. Plant two or three seeds in a paper cup filled <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> full with potting soil. Place the cup in a sunny window and water daily.</p>	<p><b>13 Play</b></p> <p>Make shamrock art by dipping water bottle caps in green paint and pressing the caps on paper in groups of three. Add stems using a paintbrush.</p>	<p><b>14 Reading</b></p> <p>On Learn About Butterflies Day, go to the library and check out a nonfiction book about butterflies.</p>	<p><b>15 Math</b></p> <p>Ask your child to point out all of the different shapes she sees in her bedroom.</p>	<p><b>16 Writing</b></p> <p>Celebrate National Panda Day by drawing your own pictures of panda bears. Name your pandas and write the names on the drawings.</p>
<p><b>17 Reading</b></p> <p>Happy St. Patrick's Day! Read <i>There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Clover</i> by Lucille Colandro.</p>	<p><b>18 Songs</b></p> <p>Sing "The Hokey Pokey" and do the motions.</p>	<p><b>19 Stories</b></p> <p>It's National Let's Laugh Day! Tell each other stories about something funny that happened to you.</p>	<p><b>20 Sounds</b></p> <p>Talk about the different sounds you hear in each room of the house.</p>	<p><b>21 Rhymes</b></p> <p>Make up a silly rhyming poem together. Then, sing it to the tune of a favorite song.</p>	<p><b>22 Science</b></p> <p>Sit outside and look up at the clouds. Talk about the shapes you see in the cloud formations.</p>	<p><b>23 Reading</b></p> <p>It's National Puppy Day! Celebrate by reading <i>Fancy Nancy and the Posh Puppy</i> by Jane O'Connor together.</p>
<p><b>24 Stories</b></p> <p>Have your child tell you a story about an imaginary creature.</p>	<p><b>25 Math</b></p> <p>Practice simple addition and subtraction problems using pretzels or cereal.</p>	<p><b>26 Play</b></p> <p>Play "restaurant" together, taking turns taking each other's orders. Don't forget to share the daily specials!</p>	<p><b>27 Writing</b></p> <p>On National Scribble Day, get out paper, markers, and crayons, and let your child scribble away!</p>	<p><b>28 Reading</b></p> <p>Have your child help you read the recipe as you are cooking.</p>	<p><b>29 Songs</b></p> <p>Sing the alphabet song together.</p>	<p><b>30 Sounds</b></p> <p>On National Take a Walk in the Park Day, do just that, talking about the different sounds you hear.</p>

**31 Science**

Place crayon stubs without wrappers on cardboard and place on a foil-covered pan. Bake at 250° for 10 mins. Use craft sticks to draw designs in the wax.



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