

# 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 Play**

It's May Day! Make cones out of sturdy colored construction paper. Then fill them with flowers made out of paper and pipe cleaners.

**2 Songs**

While riding in the car together, make up a silly song about the place you are going.

**3 Writing**

It's National Space Day. Have your child use crayons to color a space scene on white cardstock. Brush black watercolor over it, and dab paint off crayon.

**4 Science**

It's National Weather Observers Day. Have your child draw pictures of the weather in the morning and later in the day. Talk about how it changed.

**5 Reading**

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo by reading *Cinco De Mouse-O* by Judy Cox.

**6 Math**

While grocery shopping, have your child help you sort the items in the cart into categories, such as fruit, snacks, beverages, etc.

**7 Rhymes**

Play a game in which you say a one-syllable word, such as "can," and take turns saying words that rhyme.

**8 Play**

On National Sleepover Day, throw a sleepover party for your child's stuffed animals. Plan activities, and don't forget the snacks!

**9 Stories**

Have your child tell you a story about what she would do if she found out she had the ability to fly.

**10 Reading**

Read *Waiting for Wings* by Lois Ehlert together.

**11 Songs**

Together, make up new words to your child's favorite song.

**12 Writing**

Have your child help you write a grocery list.

**13 Sounds**

On National Frog Jumping Day, make your best frog sounds, and have a contest to see who can jump the farthest.

**14 Play**

It's National Dance Like a Chicken Day. Put on some music and have fun!

**15 Math**

On National Chocolate Chip Day, make a batch of chocolate chip pancakes together, counting all of the chocolate chips before you add them.

**16 Science**

On Love a Tree Day, take a walk around the neighborhood together, and count how many different kinds of trees you see along the way.

**17 Reading**

On Endangered Species Day, go to the library and find a nonfiction book about the blue whale, the giant panda, or another species.

**18 Rhymes**

Read *Lines That Wiggle* by Candace Whitman together.

**19 Play**

Play a board game together. Then, play it again, but let your child make up the rules of the game.

**20 Stories**

Read a wordless picture book, such as *Free Fall* by David Wiesner, and make up your own story together as you turn the pages.

**21 Sounds**

Flip through a magazine together and look for objects that have the same beginning sounds.

**22 Science**

On National Vanilla Pudding Day, make some together and talk about what is happening to the ingredients as you make it.

**23 Writing**

Have your child write the word "May" on a piece of paper and decorate it with drawings of things that remind him of this month.

**24 Math**

It's National Scavenger Hunt Day. Send your child on a scavenger hunt through the house to find objects of a certain shape or color.

**25 Songs**

Sing "The Hokey Pokey" and act it out as you sing.

**26 Reading**

Have your child help you read a recipe as you prepare a meal.

**27 Play**

Play a game of "I Spy" with your child.

**28 Sounds**

On National Hamburger Day, ask your child how many words he can think of with the same beginning sound as "hamburger."

**29 Science**

Add different combinations of food coloring to water, and have your child guess what color each combination will make.

**30 Writing**

On National Creativity Day, set out paper and crayons, and tell your child to let her creativity go wild!

**31 Stories**

On National Smile Day, tell each other stories about something that happened this week that made you smile.

