

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1 Writing
It's Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day. Have your child draw a picture of the most creative ice cream cone she can think of!

2 Rhymes
How many words can your child think of that rhyme with "hot"? What about "swim" or "play"?

3 Songs
While getting ready for bed, sing a song about going to sleep.

4 Reading
Happy 4th of July! Read *Corduroy's Fourth of July* by Don Freeman together.

5 Play
It's National Graham Cracker Day. Use graham crackers, frosting, candy, and more to create a delicious summer "gingerbread" cabin.

6 Sounds
On Hop-a-Park Day, visit a park or two in your community. Talk about the different sounds you hear at each park.

7 Math
On National Macaroni Day, have your child count pieces of dry macaroni before you cook it.

8 Stories
Ask your child, "If you could go anywhere in the world on summer vacation, where would you go?" Then have him tell you a story about it!

9 Science
On National Sugar Cookie Day, bake some together and talk about what is happening after you put them in the oven.

10 Math
On National Tape Measure Day, get out a tape measure and help your child measure different objects. Which is the longest and the shortest?

11 Writing
Write your child's name in large letters on a piece of bubble wrap. Then let her pop the bubble wrap along the letters.

12 Play
It's National Paper Bag Day. Make animal puppets out of paper bags and craft supplies, and put on a puppet show for family members or friends.

13 Rhymes
At bedtime, read *Where Is the Green Sheep?* by Mem Fox.

14 Sounds
Talk about your favorite sounds of summer.

15 Reading
In honor of I Love Horses Day, read *If I Had a Horse* by Gianna Marino together.

16 Songs
Make up new words to "The Wheels on the Bus" and sing it together.

17 Reading
While preparing a meal, have your child help you read the recipe.

18 Stories
Have your child tell you his favorite story that you read together in his own words.

19 Writing
Have your child create artwork using paint and cotton swabs.

20 Reading
Celebrate National Moon Day by reading *The Mouse and the Moon* by Gabriel Alborozo.

21 Science
On National Ice Cream Day, talk about what happens to ice cream if you leave it out of the freezer for too long. Then enjoy a sweet treat!

22 Math
Have your child sort her stuffed animals by different categories, such as color, softness, size, and so on.

23 Writing
Have your child draw a picture of his favorite animal. Help him write the name of the animal on the paper.

24 Stories
It's National Cousins Day. Tell your child a story about something you did with a cousin when you were growing up.

25 Play
On Merry-Go-Round Day, go to the park and play!

26 Reading
Read *And Then Comes Summer* by Tom Brenner together.

27 Play
It's National Dance Day. Time for a dance party in the living room!

28 Rhymes
While taking a walk, point out things you see, such as trees and cars, and challenge your child to think of a word that rhymes with it.

29 Sounds
How many words can your child think of that have the same beginning sound as "July"?

30 Science
Fill a 16 oz bottle 1/3 full with water. Add food coloring and 5 tsp baking soda. Build a mountain around the bottle in a sandbox. Add vinegar!

31 Songs
Take turns humming the tunes of familiar songs and guessing the names of the songs.

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.

