

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Writing Have your child draw a picture that shows her favorite thing about fall.	2 Rhymes How many words can your child think of that rhyme with "fall"?	3 Math While he is cleaning his room, ask your child to sort his toys by color.	4 Reading It's National Wildlife Day. Go to the library and choose some nonfiction books about your child's favorite animals to read together.	5 Sounds What words can your child think of that have the same beginning sound as "September"? What about words with the same ending sound?	6 Stories At bedtime, have your child tell you a story about everything that happened during the day.	7 Songs Sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" together, using a different exotic animal in each verse.
8 Science Color ½ cup water with food coloring. Fill a glass ¾ full with veg. oil. Pour in the water, leaving an inch at the top. Add pieces of antacid tablets to make a lava lamp.	9 Play It's National Teddy Bear Day. Invite your child's teddy bears and other stuffed animals to a sleepover in the living room. Serve snacks, play games, and watch a movie!	10 Math Make "ants on a log" (celery sticks with peanut butter and raisins on top). Have your child count the raisins as you add them.	11 Writing Write your child's name in large letters on a piece of paper. Then, let her use markers to trace over each letter. Have her trace it multiple times in different colors.	12 Stories On National Day of Encouragement, tell your child a story about a time someone encouraged you and how that made you feel.	13 Reading Read <i>Little Tree</i> by Loren Long together.	14 Songs Have your child make up his own lyrics to a favorite tune.
15 Sounds Before reading a book together, look at the cover and say the title out loud. Ask your child what the beginning sound of the first word is.	16 Play On National Play-Doh Day, get out several colors of Play-Doh for your child to use, and tell her to get creative!	17 Math Use a ruler or tape measure to measure the height of your child's favorite doll.	18 Writing Set out some newspaper and tempera paints, and have your child paint a picture on a piece of white paper.	19 Reading Celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day by reading <i>How I Became a Pirate</i> by Melinda Long and David Shannon together.	20 Science On National Pepperoni Pizza Day, make a pizza together, talking about what happens to the cheese and the dough as it bakes.	21 Play It's National Dance Day. You know what to do—turn on your child's favorite music, and dance away!
22 Science On Ice Cream Cone Day, enjoy a sweet treat together, and talk about what happens if you eat an ice cream cone too slowly.	23 Songs While in the car, make up a song about the place you are driving to.	24 Rhymes Flip through a magazine, and have your child look for pairs of rhyming words on the pages (or pictures of rhyming words).	25 Sounds Ask your child, "What is your favorite sound in fall? What sounds do you hear in fall that you don't hear in summer?"	26 Math It's National Pancake Day. Make a batch together, and have your child count the pancakes as you stack them on a plate.	27 Stories Before reading a book together, have your child tell you a story based on the cover of the book.	28 Science It's Family Health and Fitness Day. Talk about why it's important to take good care of our bodies, and go for a walk together around the neighborhood.
29 Play Get out a deck of cards, and make up a new game together.	30 Reading While grocery shopping, have your child help you read your grocery list.	<p>Help your child get ready to learn to read!</p> <p>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.</p>				

