

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<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>		<p>1 Math</p> <p>It's National Homemade Cookies Day. Make a batch of your child's favorite together, and have her help you measure the ingredients.</p>	<p>2 Sounds</p> <p>What words can your child think of that have the same beginning sound as "October"?</p>	<p>3 Reading</p> <p>Read <i>How to Make Friends with a Ghost</i> by Rebecca Green together.</p>	<p>4 Songs</p> <p>Sing your child's favorite song together—in opera voices.</p>	<p>5 Writing</p> <p>It's National Do Something Nice Day. Have your child draw a picture to give to a friend or family member.</p>
<p>6 Science</p> <p>It's National Noodle Day. Put dried macaroni noodles in a zip bag, add food coloring, shake, and let dry. Make necklaces by stringing the noodles onto yarn.</p>	<p>7 Rhymes</p> <p>Read <i>Room on the Broom</i> by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, and talk about the rhyming words.</p>	<p>8 Stories</p> <p>Tell each other not-so-scary ghost stories.</p>	<p>9 Play</p> <p>Set up a "classroom" in your living room for your child's dolls and stuffed animals, and have your child pretend he is the teacher.</p>	<p>10 Writing</p> <p>On Cake Decorating Day, frost a cake together, then let your child write her name on it in frosting.</p>	<p>11 Math</p> <p>At breakfast, use pieces of cereal to help your child solve simple addition and subtraction problems.</p>	<p>12 Songs</p> <p>On National Farmer's Day, sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" together, using as many different animals as you can think of.</p>
<p>13 Sounds</p> <p>While taking a walk, talk about all of the different sounds you hear.</p>	<p>14 Science</p> <p>Create an ocean in a bottle: Mix blue food coloring in a water bottle 1/3 full. Fill the rest of the bottle with cooking oil.</p>	<p>15 Rhymes</p> <p>Together, write a short rhyming poem about your child's favorite animal or activity.</p>	<p>16 Reading</p> <p>Read <i>The Golden Acorn</i> by Katy Hudson together.</p>	<p>17 Play</p> <p>While waiting, place a coin in one hand and hide it in a fist behind your back. Then hold out both fists. Ask your child to guess which one is holding the coin.</p>	<p>18 Songs</p> <p>While preparing meals, make up silly songs to sing together about the food you are making.</p>	<p>19 Writing</p> <p>On Sweetest Day, cut out paper hearts and make cards for each other.</p>
<p>20 Science</p> <p>Fill a jar halfway with vinegar, then stir in food coloring and dish soap. Add a spoonful of baking soda, stir, and watch what happens!</p>	<p>21 Play</p> <p>Go outside and jump rope together or play a game of hopscotch.</p>	<p>22 Math</p> <p>On National Color Day, have your child help you sort the laundry by color.</p>	<p>23 Rhymes</p> <p>Sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" together, and talk about the words that rhyme.</p>	<p>24 Stories</p> <p>It's National Food Day. Tell each other stories about times you tasted a food you never had before. What did it taste like?</p>	<p>25 Sounds</p> <p>Ask your child to find pictures in magazines of objects that have the same ending sounds.</p>	<p>26 Writing</p> <p>It's National Pumpkin Day. Draw pictures of funny jack o' lanterns.</p>
<p>27 Science</p> <p>Fill a small bowl with water. Sprinkle pepper over the entire top of the water. Have your child put dish soap on her fingertip and touch the middle of the water.</p>	<p>28 Songs</p> <p>Sing "I'm a Little Pumpkin" to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot," making up your own words.</p>	<p>29 Reading</p> <p>It's National Cat Day. Read <i>Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes</i> by Eric Litwin and James Dean together.</p>	<p>30 Math</p> <p>Read <i>Ten Timid Ghosts</i> by Jennifer O'Connell, a book that will help your child count down from 10 to 1.</p>	<p>31 Play</p> <p>Hold a not-so-scary Halloween party for your child's stuffed animals. Make costumes for them, and then dress up yourselves!</p>		