

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 Stories

On New Year's Day, have your child tell you a story about something she wants to do in the coming year.

2 Sounds

Ask your child how many words she can think of that have the same beginning sound as "January."

3 Songs

Sing "Do Your Ears Hang Low?" and march along as you sing.

4 Rhymes

On National Spaghetti Day, read the fun rhyming story *Spaghetti with the Yeti* by Adam and Charlotte Gullain together.

5 Writing

It's National Bird Day. Have your child draw a picture of his favorite bird. Then, have him draw another picture of an imaginary bird.

6 Reading

It's National Cuddle Up Day! Grab a favorite blanket and cuddle up with your child to read a favorite book together.

7 Play

Play a game in which you each pretend to be a different animal.

8 Science

On National Bubble Bath Day, mix 1 cup shampoo, 1½ cups water, and food coloring in an empty shampoo bottle. Shake and use to create a colorful bath!

9 Sounds

Have your child listen to two different versions of the same song. Ask her which one she liked better and why.

10 Songs

Make up a song about winter and sing it to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

11 Science

Celebrate National Milk Day by making homemade chocolate milk: mix 8 oz. of milk, 1½ tsp. unsweetened cocoa powder, and 1 tsp. powdered sugar.

12 Math

Help your child use a ruler to measure several objects around the house. Which object is longest? Which is shortest?

13 Stories

It's National Sticker Day. Have your child put animal stickers on a piece of paper and tell you a story about what the animals are doing.

14 Reading

Read *Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner together.

15 Rhymes

It's National Hat Day. How many words can your child think of that rhyme with "hat"?

16 Writing

Write the word "winter" on white paper. Then, have your child trace each letter several times with different colored pencils.

17 Rhymes

How many different rhyming poems that start with "Roses are red, winter is cold" can you and your child think of?

18 Reading

On Winnie the Pooh Day, read aloud from *The Complete Tales of Winnie-the-Pooh*.

19 Math

On National Popcorn Day, make some together and use the pieces to do simple math problems.

20 Play

Ask your child to teach you his favorite game. Let him make up his own rules!

21 Reading

On Squirrel Appreciation Day, read *The Secret Life of Squirrels* by Nancy Rose together.

22 Science

Find a few foods that taste different, such as salty, sweet, and sour. Ask your child which she likes best!

23 Writing

On National Handwriting Day, have your child practice writing his name, making each letter a different color.

24 Sounds

How many words can your child think of that have the same beginning sound as her name?

25 Play

Have fun being silly on National Opposite Day. Wear pajamas during the day, have breakfast for dinner, and say "goodbye" when you enter a room.

26 Stories

Take turns telling stories about what animals do in the winter. Where do they live? What do they eat? Be creative!

27 Science

It's National Chocolate Cake Day. Bake a cake together and talk about what happens to the batter as it bakes in the oven.

28 Songs

Sing favorite songs as you are driving in the car together.

29 Math

It's National Puzzle Day. Before putting a puzzle together, have your child sort the pieces by color or size.

30 Reading

Open a book. Ask your child how many words he can pick out on the page.

31 Writing

It's Inspire Your Heart with Art Day. Put out craft and coloring supplies, and encourage your child to create an original work of art.

