

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.

<p>2 Rhymes</p> <p>It's Groundhog Day! Read <i>Grumpy Groundhog</i> by Maureen Wright together.</p>	<p>3 Play</p> <p>Get out an old board game. Have your child invent new rules for the game, and then play it according to the new rules.</p>	<p>4 Reading</p> <p>At breakfast, help your child read the cereal box or another food container together.</p>	<p>5 Writing</p> <p>It's National Weatherperson's Day. Have your child draw a weather forecast for tomorrow in pictures.</p>	<p>6 Sounds</p> <p>Ask your child what her favorite sound is and why. Then, share your favorite sound.</p>	<p>7 Writing</p> <p>It's National Send a Card to a Friend Day. Have your child make a card out of construction paper to give to a friend or family member.</p>	<p>8 Songs</p> <p>On National Kite Flying Day, sing "Let's Go Fly a Kite" from Disney's original <i>Mary Poppins</i>.</p>
<p>9 Science</p> <p>It's National Pizza Day. Make a pizza together, and talk about what happens to it as it bakes in the oven.</p>	<p>10 Rhymes</p> <p>How many words can your child think of that rhyme with the word "heart"?</p>	<p>11 Songs</p> <p>On National Make a Friend Day, make up a song about friendship and sing it to the tune of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm."</p>	<p>12 Stories</p> <p>Look at family pictures, and have your child tell you stories about what happened when each picture was taken.</p>	<p>13 Writing</p> <p>Make valentines for each other by cutting out paper hearts and writing kind words or drawing pictures on them.</p>	<p>14 Reading</p> <p>Happy Valentine's Day! Read <i>Valensteins</i> by Ethan Long together.</p>	<p>15 Play</p> <p>Find items around the house to use as musical instruments, and start a band.</p>
<p>16 Sounds</p> <p>Take turns making animal sounds and guessing the animal.</p>	<p>17 Stories</p> <p>Celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day by telling your child a story about a time someone went out of his or her way to be kind to you.</p>	<p>18 Math</p> <p>Have your child sort candy hearts into piles by color.</p>	<p>19 Songs</p> <p>While helping your child get dressed, make up a silly song to sing together.</p>	<p>20 Play</p> <p>It's National Love Your Pet Day. Have your child pretend he is a veterinarian and give his pet (either real or a stuffed animal) an imaginary checkup.</p>	<p>21 Science</p> <p>Go outside and help your child choose nature items, such as leaves and pine cones. Glue them to the inside of a shoebox lid for a nature shadow box.</p>	<p>22 Rhymes</p> <p>With tape or chalk, create a hopscotch game. Put a picture in each square. Call out a word, and have your child hop to the square with the rhyming word.</p>
<p>23 Reading</p> <p>Read <i>The Day It Rained Hearts</i> by Felicia Bond together.</p>	<p>24 Math</p> <p>Have your child go around the house and count all of the blue objects she can find.</p>	<p>25 Science</p> <p>Mix 2 tsp. baking soda with 1 cup water in a tall glass. Add several 1-inch pieces of spaghetti and 5 tsp. of vinegar. Watch what happens!</p>	<p>26 Stories</p> <p>It's National Tell a Fairy Tale Day. Read a favorite fairy tale together, and then make up your own version of it.</p>	<p>27 Writing</p> <p>It's National Polar Bear Day. Have your child draw a picture of a polar bear and give his bear a name. Help him write the name on the paper.</p>	<p>28 Sounds</p> <p>On National Tooth Fairy Day, ask your child how many words she can think of that have the same beginning sound as "tooth."</p>	<p>29 Math</p> <p>It's Leap Day! Explain to your child why this February is different than last February. How many more days are there this month?</p>