

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

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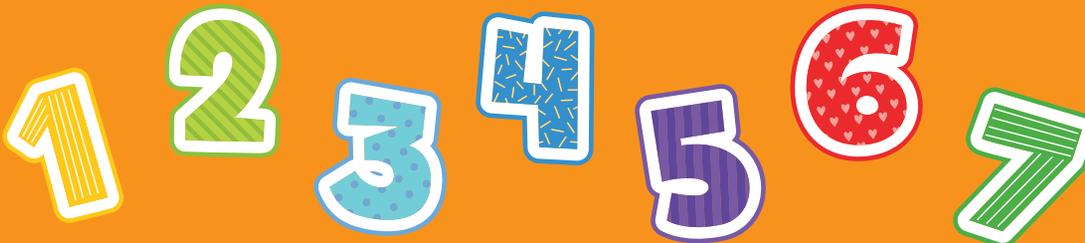
THURSDAY

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**

Ask your child to tell you a story about her favorite thing she has done this summer.

2 **Play**

Play Hide and Seek with your child's stuffed animals (hide the animals on your turn).

3 **Songs**

Together, sing your child's favorite song. Then take turns singing it again, changing the words to make it funny or silly.

4 **Math**

It's National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day! Make cookies out of brown paper. Draw a number 5 on one and draw 5 chips on another, and so on. Practice matching.

5 **Writing**

Make an alphabet book. Help your child write a letter on each page. Then have them draw an object that starts with letter.

6 **Reading**

Read books by Lois Ehlert or Eric Carle and then make your own cut-paper art.

7 **Science**

Paint a picture with your child. Practice mixing paints together and talk out loud as you are doing it. "I'm mixing yellow and blue to make green."

8 **Reading**

While out for a walk, help your child read the words on any signs you see.

9 **Sounds**

Emphasize the beginning sounds in words: "Let's read a b-b-b-book!"

10 **Rhymes**

It's National S'mores Day! How many words can you think of that rhyme with "s'more"?

11 **Writing**

Draw pictures of each other.

12 **Play**

It's Bowling Day! Set up 10 empty plastic bottles in rows, and take turns rolling a soft soccer ball to knock them down.

13 **Songs**

Sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" and do the motions to match the words.

14 **Science**

Go for a nature walk together. Talk to your child about the names of animals and plants that you see.

15 **Math**

Write the numbers 1-10 on index cards, one per card. Put the cards in a bag. Provide a pile of pennies. Have your child choose a card, then count out that number of pennies.

16 **Writing**

Let your child practice writing letters in the sand while playing in the sandbox.

17 **Rhymes**

Read *What About Moose?* by Corey Rosen Schwartz and Rebecca J. Gomez.

18 **Stories**

Look through family photo albums together and take turns telling stories about the pictures.

19 **Reading**

While at the grocery store, have your child hunt for the letter "S" on signs and packages.

20 **Play**

Get out your child's favorite game and make up new rules together.

21 **Sounds**

Show your child pictures from a magazine. Ask her what sound she thinks of when she sees the picture.

22 **Math**

Have your child help you put away the laundry. Have him describe each item as he puts it away (color, shape, etc.).

23 **Writing**

Cut out each letter of your child's name and have her put the letters in order.

24 **Science**

Make waffles and talk about what is happening to the batter while it cooks.

25 **Rhymes**

Play "I Spy" with rhyming words. For example, "I spy something that rhymes with 'look.'"

26 **Reading**

Read *The Thing Lou Couldn't Do* by Ashley Spire.

27 **Science**

Help your child mix red and blue paint to create different shades. Then, have her paint a picture with her new colors.

28 **Stories**

Page through a picture book together and have your child tell you a story based on the illustrations.

29 **Play**

Play "restaurant." Have your child take your order.

30 **Writing**

Create a menu using pictures of food cut from magazines.

31 **Reading**

Read *10 Little Rubber Duckies* by Eric Carle.

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