

# 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><b>6 Sounds</b></p> <p>Cut out pictures from magazines and have your child practice matching the pictures to the letter sound you say. "B, b-b-b-b."</p>	<p><b>7 Writing</b></p> <p>Spread shaving cream on a cookie sheet and practice writing letters with your fingers.</p>	<p><b>8 Songs</b></p> <p>Sing the ABCs together.</p>	<p><b>9 Play</b></p> <p>It's Teddy Bear Day—celebrate with a teddy bear picnic! What do you need to pack for your picnic?</p>	<p><b>10 Math</b></p> <p>Ask your child to compare objects around the house. Which is smaller? Which is longer?</p>	<p><b>11 Stories</b></p> <p>Tell your child a story about something funny that happened to you when you were young.</p>	<p><b>12 Science</b></p> <p>Have your child drop small items such as buttons and leaves into a glass of water. Do they sink or float?</p>
<p><b>13 Writing</b></p> <p>Have your child tell you a story about a picture he drew.</p>	<p><b>14 Songs</b></p> <p>Sing as you do everyday things together, such as making breakfast or going to the store.</p>	<p><b>15 Sounds</b></p> <p>Emphasize the beginning sounds in words. "Let's eat a p-p-p-peach!"</p>	<p><b>16 Reading</b></p> <p>Read a wordless picture book together, such as <i>Journey</i> by Aaron Becker. Have your child make up the words to the story.</p>	<p><b>17 Rhymes</b></p> <p>Hide objects or pictures around the house, then give your child a word and send her on a rhyming scavenger hunt.</p>	<p><b>18 Math</b></p> <p>Form green balls and yellow balls with play dough. Help your child make a patterned caterpillar body. Green, yellow, green, yellow, and so on.</p>	<p><b>19 Play</b></p> <p>Give your child bowls and a wooden spoon to "make dinner" as you're making dinner.</p>
<p><b>20 Writing</b></p> <p>Help your child form letters out of play dough.</p>	<p><b>21 Science</b></p> <p>Go on a nature walk together. Talk about what you see.</p>	<p><b>22 Math</b></p> <p>Stack and make patterns with toy blocks.</p>	<p><b>23 Writing</b></p> <p>Have your child color a picture of a fall tree with red, orange, and yellow leaves.</p>	<p><b>24 Stories</b></p> <p>After your child tells a story, ask questions to get more details.</p>	<p><b>25 Sounds</b></p> <p>Choose a letter. Have your child find as many objects as he can that start with that letter.</p>	<p><b>26 Reading</b></p> <p>When you're reading a story together, pause when something is about to happen and say, "I wonder what's going to happen next."</p>
<p><b>27 Writing</b></p> <p>Have your child make a dot painting using her fingers or Q-tips dipped in paint.</p>	<p><b>28 Play</b></p> <p>Play restaurant with your child outside with plastic containers for bowls and leaves for "food."</p>	<p><b>29 Math</b></p> <p>Put together a puzzle with your child.</p>	<p><b>30 Rhymes</b></p> <p>Together, read <i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</i> by Bill Martin Jr.</p>			