

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 Songs

Sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" to celebrate Major League Baseball's opening day.

2 Reading

Have your child help you read the directions as you prepare a simple meal, such as macaroni and cheese.

3 Science

It's Find a Rainbow Day! Place Skittles in a circle on a plate that's sloped toward the middle. Add hot water and watch the colors run.

4 Writing

Have your child draw a picture for a family member.

5 Stories

Find a picture of a faraway place and work together to make up a story about going on an adventure there.

6 Math

Draw a beehive and 10 separate bees. Put some bees "in" the hive and ask your child to count them, or say a number and have him place the bees.

7 Sounds

It's National Walking Day. Take your child on a walk around your neighborhood. What sounds do you hear?

8 Rhymes

Face each other. Pat or point to a body part and have your child say its name as well as a word that rhymes with it (like *head* and *bed*).

9 Writing

On National Name Yourself Day, help your child pick an exciting new name, and then practice writing it on a nametag.

10 Sounds

Write words in sidewalk chalk, then have your child walk, hop, or skip along the letters, sounding out the word along the way.

11 Stories

On National Pet Day, have your child tell you a story about your pet's day (or an imaginary pet's day).

12 Science

It's Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day! Make one together and talk about what happens to the cheese as the sandwich is toasted.

13 Reading

Use Scrabble tiles to spell simple words and ask your child to read each aloud. Try swapping just one letter at a time, like *fun* and *sun*.

14 Math

Compare objects around the house. Which is larger, heavier, etc?

15 Stories

Flip to a random page in a picture book and tell your own stories based on the illustration.

16 Play

Celebrate National Librarian Day by setting up a pretend library at home with your child's favorite books.

17 Rhymes

Gather objects that rhyme, like *rice/dice* or a *fan/pan/can*. Work together to group rhyming objects. Use toys for more variety!

18 Math

Have your child gather her stuffed animals or other toys and sort them by size.

19 Rhymes

Go through old magazines and help your child cut out images of rhyming objects. Make a collage of what you find!

20 Writing

Have your child draw a self-portrait for National Look-Alike Day.

21 Play

On National Tea Day, host a tea party with your child and his stuffed animals.

22 Sounds

It's Earth Day! Talk about the sounds you hear in nature, or make some of your child's favorite animal sounds.

23 Science

Bring paint chips with you on a nature walk. Have your child find the matching colors in nature.

24 Songs

Celebrate National Skipping Day by singing some classic kids' songs while you skip in time.

25 Play

Give each other crazy hairstyles for National Hairstylist Appreciation Day!

26 Reading

Tape letters to a wall in an open area. When you call out a letter, have your child throw a light object (like a ping pong ball) at the correct letter.

27 Stories

On National Tell a Story Day, tell your child a story about something you did when you were his age.

28 Writing

Draw and name new superheroes together on National Superhero Day.

29 Play

It's International Dance Day! Get dressed up and dance to your child's favorite songs.

30 Songs

Introduce your child to a style of music she hasn't heard before, like jazz or opera.

