

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Sounds

Fill three small plastic jars with different items, such as rice, buttons, or paper clips. Put on the lids and have your child shake each one. How are the sounds different?

2 Writing

Have your child color a picture of his favorite summertime activity.

3 Math

On National Watermelon Day, use construction paper to make watermelons. Use black circles for the seeds, counting them as you put them on.

4 Science

It's National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day! Make cookies and talk about what happens to the ingredients as they bake.

5 Play

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

6 Science

On Root Beer Float Day, make this classic treat and talk about why ice cream floats in soda.

7 Reading

It's National Lighthouse Day. Read *Hello Lighthouse* by Sophie Blackall together.

8 Math

Use a ruler or tape measure to measure the height of your child's favorite doll or action figure.

9 Reading

On Book Lovers Day, go to the library together. Have your child choose a book she loves and another book that she has never read before.

10 Rhymes

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

11 Stories

Stop reading partway through a book to ask your child what she thinks will happen next. Finish the book and compare!

12 Writing

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

13 Sounds

Show your child pictures from a magazine. Ask him what sound he thinks of when he sees each picture.

14 Play

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

15 Stories

Ask your child to look at the cover of a picture book and tell you a story based on the picture.

16 Songs

In the car, play your child's favorite music and sing along!

17 Reading

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

18 Math

Cut out pictures of a variety of animals. Have your child sort the animals by color or type (like birds or farm animals).

19 Rhymes

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

20 Songs

Learn "Patty Cake" or another hand-clapping song.

21 Science

Help your child mix paints to create different hues. Have her paint a picture with her new colors.

22 Math

What is your child's favorite color? Work together to count the objects in your home that are that color.

23 Sounds

On index cards, write the names of animals or other things that make noise. Take turns drawing cards and making the sound.

24 Science

It's Waffle Day! Make some waffles from scratch, and talk about what is happening to the batter in the waffle iron.

25 Songs

Sing "Where Is Thumbkin?" and do the hand motions.

26 Reading

Celebrate National Dog Day by reading *Maggi and Milo* by Juli Brenning together.

27 Stories

After watching a movie or show together, ask your child to tell you what happened in her own words.

28 Writing

Write your child's name in pencil on a piece of paper. Ask him to trace it with markers. Do it multiple times in different colors for a fun effect!

29 Writing

Draw pictures of each other.

30 Rhymes

Together, write a rhyming poem that begins with "In August ..."

31 Play

Plan an end-of-summer party for your child's stuffed animals. Have her help you make invitations, decorations, and snacks.

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.

