

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 Sounds

Find out what your child's favorite sound is and why. Then explore what his least favorite sound is and why.

2 Reading

It's Blueberries Day. Read *More Blueberries!* by Susan Musgrave and encourage your child to tell her own version of the story with another fruit.

3 Songs

It's Compliment Your Mirror Day. When your child is getting ready in the morning, encourage him to sing a song complimenting his reflection.

4 Play

Happy 4th of July! Make a patriotic fan with your child by taping a popsicle stick to a paper plate, then painting the back of the plate red, white, and blue. Have a parade!

5 Writing

It's Hawaii Day. Give your child crayons in vibrant colors so she can draw her vision of a family vacation in this tropical paradise.

6 Math

It's Baked Beans Month. Make a large helping of baked beans and ask your child to guess the number in his bowl before gobbling them up.

7 Rhymes

Go for a walk around the neighborhood together and think of words that rhyme with walk, stroll, and run.

8 Stories

Cut out two or three pictures from magazines and show them to your child. Have her tell you a story based on the pictures.

9 Science

Color ½ cup of water with food coloring. Fill a glass ¾ full with veg. oil. Pour in the water, leaving an inch at the top. Add pieces of antacid tablets to make a lava lamp.

10 Writing

Pour a layer of cornmeal or sugar onto a tray. Have your child practice writing in it with her finger.

11 Songs

It's Cheer Up the Lonely Day. Invent a peppy original song with your child and find someone to sing it to.

12 Rhymes

It's Eat Your Jello Day. Make a batch with your child and ask her to come up with words that rhyme with jello.

13 Math

Think of a number 1-10. See if your child can guess that number. Tell her if it's higher or lower until she guesses correctly.

14 Science

It's Mac & Cheese Day. When making this dish, let your child touch the noodles before and after they've been boiled. See if she can explain how and why they change.

15 Play

Invite your child's teddy bears and other stuffed animals to a sleepover in the living room. Serve snacks, play games, and watch a movie.

16 Math

It's Picnic Month. Have a picnic outside with your child and ask her to count the number of bugs she finds near the blanket.

17 Songs

Go for a drive with your child and sing songs about different objects the two of you see out the window.

18 Stories

What would life be like if your child lived on Mars? Prompt him to tell you about a typical day on the red planet.

19 Reading

It's Words with Friends Day. Play a simple game of scrabble with your child as you help her spell out words on the board.

20 Rhymes

Read *My Truck Is Stuck!* by Kevin Lewis, then flip through it a second time to talk about all the rhyming words.

21 Writing

It's World Watercolor Month. Put out a set of watercolor paints and pose in a silly way for your child to paint a portrait.

22 Sounds

It's Hammock Day. Lay in a hammock with your child and listen to the world around you. What does he hear?

23 Play

It's Anti-Boredom Month. Let your child dream up an activity to do together.

24 Math

Help your child find household objects that are a square, a circle, or a triangle.

25 Reading

Go on a short hike down a nature path or through a park and help your child read all the trail signs.

26 Sounds

It's Bagelfest Day. Since bagels are shaped like the letter "O," ask your child to practice making the "O" sound.

27 Science

Drink a blue slushie with your child and look at each other's tongues. Take a picture sticking out your tongues together.

28 Writing

Have your child make a dot painting using her fingers dipped in paint.

29 Stories

It's Talk in an Elevator Day. Find an elevator and encourage your child to tell a story before you reach the top floor.

30 Play

Help your child invent a new game. Use rules from games she's already familiar with to create something original. Play it together!

31 Science

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

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