

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Stories
After reading a book together, have your child retell the story in her own words.

2 Reading
It's Read Across America Day! Read your child's favorite book together.

3 Rhymes
On World Wildlife Day, work together to write a short rhyming poem about your child's favorite animal.

4 Sounds
Ask your child to demonstrate the sounds they hear at different times of day.

5 Songs
While preparing meals, make up silly songs to sing together about the food you are making.

6 Math
Place colored squares of paper on the table. Have your child sort objects onto the right color.

7 Writing
It's National Cereal Day! Spell out simple words using pieces of cereal.

8 Reading
Choose a simple word such as "the" and have your child point it out each time he sees it in the book you read.

9 Play
This Women's History Month, act out extraordinary women's tales using costumes or paper dolls.

10 Songs
Play music and dance like crazy. When your child least expects it, pause the track and shout, "Freeze!"

11 Math
Choose a room in the house. Count how many blue objects are in the room.

12 Science
On Plant a Flower Day, place cut white flowers into vases with water and a few drops of food coloring. Watch the petals change color.

13 Sounds
Ask your child what sounds we hear in the spring that we don't hear in the winter.

14 Play
On Children's Craft Day, cut hearts out of green construction paper. Put three together with a stem to create a shamrock. Decorate.

15 Songs
Name one of your child's favorite musical movies, and challenge him to sing a song from it.

16 Math
Gather a pile of buttons, and have your child sort them by color.

17 Reading
Happy St. Patrick's Day! Read *How to Catch a Leprechaun* by Adam Wallace together.

18 Stories
After reading a favorite story together, act it out using puppets or stuffed animals.

19 Rhymes
Put objects in a basket. Say a word (it can be nonsense) and have your child pick out the object it rhymes with, like "fizzers" and scissors.

20 Writing
Have your child write a weather report for the day, either with words or pictures.

21 Math
Count the number of steps it takes to walk from one side of the house to the other.

22 Stories
After reading a favorite story together, act it out using puppets or stuffed animals.

23 Sounds
It's National Puppy Day! Who can make the most realistic puppy sounds?

24 Play
Play "restaurant" together, and take turns taking each other's orders.

25 Songs
Put on a talent show in your living room. For extra fun, create your own instruments with household objects.

26 Science
Cut 2 inches from a celery stalk's base. Put it in a shallow dish of water in direct sun until it sprouts roots, then move to soil.

27 Rhymes
Draw a scene on a whiteboard. Say a word and have your child erase the thing that rhymes with it — like saying "fun" and erasing the sun.

28 Reading
Welcome spring by reading *My Spring Robin* by Anne Rockwell.

29 Science
Create an ocean in a bottle: add blue food coloring to a water bottle that's 1/3 full. Fill the rest of the bottle with cooking oil.

30 Play
Get outside and jump rope together or play a game of hopscotch.

31 Writing
It's National Crayon Day! Get out your crayons and construction paper and color away.

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.

