

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 Reading

It's Primate Day! Read *Good Night Gorilla* by Peggy Rathmann, talking about the details in the pictures as you go.

2 Songs

As you go about your day, sing songs about what you are doing to the tune of familiar songs.

3 Math

Mix up pairs of colorful socks, and have your child match them.

4 Play

Make up a new game where you pretend to be different animals.

5 Science

On Cheese Pizza Day, make mini pizzas with refrigerated biscuit dough, sauce, and mozzarella. Talk about what happens to the cheese as they bake.

6 Sounds

While at the library, have your child pick out books whose titles start with the letter "S."

7 Writing

Have your child string beads onto pipe cleaners.

8 Rhymes

Fill a basket with several items, such as glue, markers, and paper. Say a word, real or made-up, that rhymes with one of the objects, and have your child choose the rhyming object.

9 Play

It's Teddy Bear Day! Have your child gather her teddy bears and stuffed animals, and hold a slumber party for them.

10 Stories

On Grandparents Day, tell your child a funny story about one of her grandparents.

11 Songs

Sing the words to a familiar song to the tune of a different song.

12 Reading

As you read a book together, take turns saying what you think will happen next in the story.

13 Writing

Have your child draw a picture of you while you draw a picture of your child.

14 Math

Go around the house and ask your child to find as many circular objects as she can.

15 Sounds

Sit quietly for a few minutes, then talk about all of the sounds that you heard during that time.

16 Play

Get out multiple colors of play dough and let your imaginations run wild!

17 Rhymes

Give your child an object, such as a hat or a sock. Then, have him flip through a magazine looking for pictures of things that rhyme with the object.

18 Stories

Read your child's favorite book together. Then, talk about what she likes most about the story.

19 Reading

It's Talk Like a Pirate Day! Read *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long and David Shannon.

20 Writing

Have your child trace her hand on a piece of paper. Then, have her trace the outline of her hand with a marker and color it in.

21 Science

Fill a clear plastic container with small metal objects, such as bobby pins, paper clips, and nuts and bolts. Let your child use a magnet to lift the objects.

22 Math

At breakfast time, use pieces of cereal for simple math problems.

23 Songs

Sing a song as loudly as you can. Then, sing the same song as softly as you can.

24 Play

Build a fort in the living room out of blankets and cardboard boxes.

25 Sounds

As you drive in the car, ask your child to describe the sounds he hears.

26 Math

It's Pancake Day! Make some together, counting them as you go.

27 Writing

Have your child color a picture using different shades of green.

28 Reading

Read *We're Going On a Leaf Hunt!* by Steve Metzger together.

29 Science

Go for a nature walk and talk about the animals you see.

30 Rhymes

Draw a picture on a chalkboard of a flower, grass, a house, and the sun. Say a word, such as "mouse," then have your child erase the picture that rhymes with the word.