

# 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 Science**

It's Apple Month. Explore the parts of an Apple with your child. Name the skin, stem, and seeds. Talk about how apple trees grow from seeds.

**2 Math**

It's Hummingbird Day. Did you know a hummingbird weighs about the same as a penny? Have your child hold a penny and compare its weight to a crayon or a ball.

**3 Play**

It's Skyscraper Day. Build a tall building with blocks and knock it down!

**4 Songs**

It's Labor Day. Ask your child what she wants to be when she grows up and why. Sing along to the Super Simple Songs video *When I Grow Up*.

**5 Writing**

For Cheese Pizza Day, give your child a paper plate and ask him to draw his favorite kind of pizza.

**6 Science**

Gather some fall items with your child such as a pinecone, a leaf, and an acorn. Fill a container with water and see which items sink and which float.

**7 Sounds**

Take an autumn walk with your child and listen for the sounds of the season like crunching leaves, flying geese, and chirping crickets.

**8 Rhymes**

Poet Jack Prelutsky was born on this day. Read *My Neighbor's Dog is Purple* and point out the rhyming words.

**9 Reading**

It's Teddy Bear Day. Make a bear-cave pillow fort with your child. Climb inside and read *The Teddy Bear* by David McPhail.

**10 Writing**

It's Grandparents Day. Help your child write a letter to her grandparents letting them know what's going on in her life.

**11 Science**

Have your child rest small pumpkins or apples on top of paper towel rolls and other objects to have fun with balance.

**12 Stories**

Ask your child to make up a story about why squirrels hide nuts in the fall.

**13 Math**

Count candy corn together. Label small plastic cups from 0-10. Have your child count and put the correct number of candies in each cup.

**14 Sounds**

On this day in 1959, the first spacecraft reached the moon. Ask your child what he thinks a launch might sound like.

**15 Songs**

Sing the ABC's together. Then sing *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*. Ask your child to pay attention to how the tunes sound similar.

**16 Science**

It's Collect Rocks Day. Ask your child to find some rocks and talk about how they're different.

**17 Stories**

Tell your child a story about your first day of school.

**18 Play**

Be a chef with your child outside using leaves, acorns, and pinecones for "ingredients".

**19 Reading**

It's Talk Like a Pirate Day. Read a pirate-themed book to your child in your best pirate voice.

**20 Rhymes**

Point to an object and ask your child to name that object and a word that rhymes with it.

**21 Writing**

Have your child color a picture of a fall tree with red, orange, yellow, purple, and brown leaves.

**22 Sounds**

Talk about how the sounds you hear in the fall are different from the sounds you hear in the summer.

**23 Math**

It's the first day of Autumn. Ask your child to find two red leaves, three yellow leaves, and four green leaves.

**24 Reading**

On Punctuation Day share the book *Punctuation Celebration* by Elsa Bruno and Jenny Whitehead.

**25 Stories**

It's Dog Week. Help your child draw a picture of a dog and tell you a story about it.

**26 Science**

Enjoy Pancake Day by making a batch of pancakes with your child. Describe the changes that happen as the batter cooks.

**27 Rhymes**

Ask your child to name as many words as she can think of that rhyme with fall?

**28 Writing**

Today is Good Neighbor Day. Help your child write a list of things he can do to be a good neighbor.

**29 Math**

Today is World Heart Day. Exercise with your child and keep your hearts healthy! Do 10 jumping jacks, then 10 toe touches while counting out loud.

**30 Play**

For Friendship Month, invite one of your child's friends over to play.

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