

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

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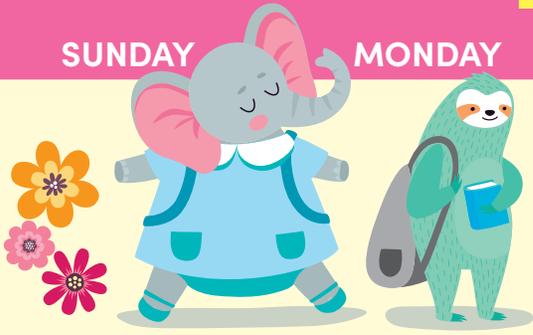
TUESDAY

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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 Rhymes

Happy May Day! See how many words your child can think of that rhyme with "May."

2 Writing

Have your child help you write a to-do list for the day.

3 Math

It's Space Day. Our solar system has eight planets. Have your child count up to eight and then count back down from eight.

4 Sounds

It's Bird Day. Ask your child to create his own bird call. Return the call!

5 Reading

It's Cartoonist Day. What's your child's favorite cartoon character? Read a book together that features that character.

6 Play

It's Play Outside Day. Enjoy your child's favorite outdoor activity together.

7 Writing

With some chunky sidewalk chalk, have your child draw shapes or letters outside on your patio or walkway.

8 Science

It's World Red Cross Day. Show your child how to apply a bandage.

9 Math

For Duckling Month, visit a pond and count how many ducklings you see.

10 Writing

What's the weather outside? Have your child draw what she sees: sunshine, rain, rainbows, clouds, etc.

11 Songs

Sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" together. Get creative and add your own made-up animals to the song.

12 Science

Today is May's full moon, called the Flower Moon. Talk about some other phases of the moon with your child like new moon, crescent, and gibbous.

13 Reading

Read the *Little Blue Truck's Springtime* by Alice Schertle, illustrated by Jill McElmurr.

14 Rhymes

It's Pet Month. Help your child write a fun poem about her pet (real or imaginary).

15 Reading

Read Mo Willems book with your child and talk about how Elephant, Piggie, and The Pigeon feel throughout the story.

16 Science

It's Love a Tree Day. Go on a nature walk in your neighborhood and point out the different types of trees.

17 Math

It's Pizza Party Day. Enjoy a pizza with your child. Have her count the pieces before and after you eat.

18 Sounds

There are so many sounds of spring. Go on a walk and play guess the sound with your child.

19 Writing

Have your child gather sticks or rocks and help him use them to create shapes or letters.

20 Sounds

It's World Bee Day. Bees keep our planet healthy. Go outside with your child and look for bee-friendly plants.

21 Writing

Ask your child to draw a butterfly, bee, or beetle in his favorite colors.

22 Stories

Have your child act out a story without using any words.

23 Songs

Act out the lyrics of a silly song while you sing it together.

24 Science

It's Scavenger Hunt Day. Print out some pictures of bugs and go outside with your child to look for them.

25 Reading

Switch places at reading time. Have your child read to you.

26 Math

Talk (and count) May numbers with your child: May is the fifth month of the year with 31 days, and the second month of spring.

27 Writing

While at the beach or in the sand box, have your child trace letters in the sand.

28 Sounds

Look at pictures in a book together. What sounds do they make your child think of?

29 Science

Put cut, white flowers in water with dye and talk about why the petals change color.

30 Play

It's beach season! Play beach wildlife charades with your child.

31 Stories

It's Share a Story Month. Exchange favorite stories with your child. Maybe they're silly stories, pet stories, or travel stories?