

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 Play
Make your own maypole! Hot glue an empty cardboard tube to a wide base, punch small holes through the top, and tie ribbons through them.

2 Songs
Help your child remember something important, like your phone number or address, by setting it to a familiar tune.

3 Reading
Pick a story that your child knows well or a book with lots of repetition. As you read, leave time for her to fill in the next line.

4 Play
Make a rainstick! Put coins or beans into an empty cardboard tube and secure thick paper over both ends with rubber bands.

5 Rhymes
Write down the words "one," "two," "three," "four," and "five." Can your child think of a rhyming word for each?

6 Writing
In the morning, have your child help you write a to-do list for the day.

7 Science
On National Space Day, help kids see why the moon seems to change using an easy **moon phases demonstration** from Generation Genius.

8 Sounds
On National Train Day, have your child put on a conductor's hat and make different train sounds.

9 Writing
Encourage your child to make a homemade card for the mothers in his life.

10 Math
It's Clean Up Your Room Day! Make picking up educational by asking your child to count toys, books, or clothes as you put them away.

11 Sounds
While at the park, sit quietly for one minute. Talk about the sounds that you heard.

12 Songs
Act out the lyrics of a silly song while you sing it together. Add costumes to make it feel like a real musical!

13 Reading
Use index cards or nametags to label common items in your home. Each time you use one of the items, read its label aloud first.

14 Stories
Practice talking and listening by taking turns building on a story together.

15 Writing
Ask your child to draw a butterfly in his favorite colors.

16 Stories
Have your child interview a family member for National Biographer's Day. Help her come up with fun questions ahead of time.

17 Play
Create a miniature farm together. In a large plastic tub, arrange dried coffee grounds, seeds, hay, play dough, and toy animals, buildings, and vehicles.

18 Reading
Pay special attention to any signs or labels you see today. Ask your child to name or pronounce different letters.

19 Writing
Point out all of the notes, lists, and forms you write throughout the day. Encourage your child to mimic you with scribble writing of his own.

20 Math
Set up a candy store at home and have your child's stuffed animals visit to shop!

21 Songs
Sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" together.

22 Science
Explore liquid density. Fill a clear glass 2/3 full of tap water. Add vegetable oil, then a drop of food coloring, then salt. Wait after each to see results!

23 Math
Gather some items and ask your child to arrange them by size or weight.

24 Songs
Learn a simple dance that goes with a song, like the macarena or the hand jive.

25 Play
On National Tap Dance Day, create makeshift tap shoes and put on a show! Stick to concrete floors or head outside to avoid scuffs.

26 Science
It's National Paper Airplane Day! Make paper airplanes together and talk about the science behind flight.

27 Sounds
Look at the pictures in a book or magazine together. What sounds do the pictures make your child think of?

28 Rhymes
Read *A Giraffe and a Half* by Shel Silverstein. Count the rhyming words on each page.

29 Reading
While reading, help your child imagine the character's feelings by asking questions like "What would your three wishes be?"

30 Science
Put cut flowers in dyed water and talk about why the petals change color.

31 Stories
Ask your child to tell you a story about one of her drawings.

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