

# 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 Songs**

Sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" to celebrate Major League Baseball's opening day.

**2 Reading**

Have your child help you read the directions as you prepare a simple meal, such as macaroni and cheese.

**3 Science**

It's Find a Rainbow Day! Place Skittles in a circle on a plate that's sloped toward the middle. Add hot water and watch the colors run.

**4 Writing**

Have your child draw a picture for a family member.

**5 Stories**

Find a picture of a faraway place and work together to make up a story about going on an adventure there.

**6 Math**

Draw a beehive and 10 separate bees. Put some bees "in" the hive and ask your child to count them, or say a number and have him place the bees.

**7 Sounds**

It's National Walking Day. Take your child on a walk around your neighborhood. What sounds do you hear?

**8 Rhymes**

Face each other. Pat or point to a body part and have your child say its name as well as a word that rhymes with it (like *head* and *bed*).

**9 Writing**

On National Name Yourself Day, help your child pick an exciting new name, and then practice writing it on a nametag.

**10 Sounds**

Write words in sidewalk chalk, then have your child walk, hop, or skip along the letters, sounding out the word along the way.

**11 Stories**

On National Pet Day, have your child tell you a story about your pet's day (or an imaginary pet's day).

**12 Science**

It's Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day! Make one together and talk about what happens to the cheese as the sandwich is toasted.

**13 Reading**

Use Scrabble tiles to spell simple words and ask your child to read each aloud. Try swapping just one letter at a time, like *fun* and *sun*.

**14 Math**

Compare objects around the house. Which is larger, heavier, etc?

**15 Stories**

Flip to a random page in a picture book and tell your own stories based on the illustration.

**16 Play**

Celebrate National Librarian Day by setting up a pretend library at home with your child's favorite books.

**17 Rhymes**

Gather objects that rhyme, like *rice/dice* or a *fan/pan/can*. Work together to group rhyming objects. Use toys for more variety!

**18 Math**

Have your child gather her stuffed animals or other toys and sort them by size.

**19 Rhymes**

Go through old magazines and help your child cut out images of rhyming objects. Make a collage of what you find!

**20 Writing**

Have your child draw a self-portrait for National Look-Alike Day.

**21 Play**

On National Tea Day, host a tea party with your child and his stuffed animals.

**22 Sounds**

It's Earth Day! Talk about the sounds you hear in nature, or make some of your child's favorite animal sounds.

**23 Science**

Bring paint chips with you on a nature walk. Have your child find the matching colors in nature.

**24 Songs**

Celebrate National Skipping Day by singing some classic kids' songs while you skip in time.

**25 Play**

Give each other crazy hairstyles for National Hairstylist Appreciation Day!

**26 Reading**

Tape letters to a wall in an open area. When you call out a letter, have your child throw a light object (like a ping pong ball) at the correct letter.

**27 Stories**

On National Tell a Story Day, tell your child a story about something you did when you were his age.

**28 Writing**

Draw and name new superheroes together on National Superhero Day.

**29 Play**

It's International Dance Day! Get dressed up and dance to your child's favorite songs.

**30 Songs**

Introduce your child to a style of music she hasn't heard before, like jazz or opera.

