

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY



MONDAY

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.

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

1 Math

It's Second Half of the Year Day! Practice dividing your lunch foods in half: sandwich, banana, carrots, and so on. Talk about how two halves make a whole.

THURSDAY

2 Writing

It's World UFO Day. Have your child describe an alien to you while you take notes. Then, have him draw his alien.

FRIDAY

3 Science

Roast marshmallows together and talk about what happens to the marshmallows when you heat them up.

SATURDAY

4 Writing

It's Independence Day! Help your child draw a picture of the flag. Count the stars and stripes together.

5 Stories

National Anti-Boredom Month: Beat the boredom by sharing stories about your childhood.

6 Reading

Read Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Then, talk about what else the caterpillar might want to eat.

7 Rhymes

Say "I'm going on a picnic and I'm bringing grapes." Your child must answer, "I'm going on a picnic and I'm bringing [rhyming word]." Then keep taking turns!

8 Reading

Choose a letter, such as A. Then, ask your child to hunt for As on the back of her cereal box.

9 Science

Bake cookies together and talk about what you're doing as you help each other measure and mix the ingredients.

10 Sounds

Listen to the birds throughout the day. Can you make the same sounds they do?

11 Reading

Teach your child to read a simple word, such as "the." Then, go on a word hunt for it in your favorite picture books.

12 Stories

It's National Ice Cream Month. Think up with as many crazy flavors as you can think of (marshmallow pickle?). Have your child illustrate his favorites.

13 Rhymes

Make a matching game by writing pairs of rhyming words on separate slips of paper. Practice matching them and then play "Memory" with them.

14 Writing

Have your child trace her name in the sandbox. Try writing other words in the sand for her to copy.

15 Science

Collect leaves from different trees. Have your child glue them to paper. Look them up and label them.

16 Play

It's National Parks and Recreation Month. Get outside and explore! Then, talk about your favorite parts of the day.

17 Reading

It's National Hot Dog Month. Read *The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog* by Mo Willems together.

18 Songs

Sing "The Ants Go Marching" together.

19 Math

Cut out shapes for ice cream cones and scoops, putting a number on each cone and the same number of dots on the scoops. Then color them and match them up.

20 Science

Go outside and dig up some worms to gently observe.

21 Math

Go for a drive and have your child count all the stop signs she sees.

22 Sounds

Practice "stretching out" short words such as cat with your child. Say the word and then say it slowly, pronouncing all the sounds: c—a—t.

23 Songs

Practice washing your hands for 20 seconds by singing the "Happy Birthday" song twice together.

24 Stories

Look through photo albums together and tell the story of what is happening in each photo.

25 Reading

Go on a walk and look for things that start with the same letter as the first and last name of your child.

26 Writing

Use chalk to draw your child's name on the sidewalk. Have him trace it with another color.

27 Stories

Make up a story about ants who steal food from a picnic. What do they steal?

28 Rhymes

Read a simple rhyming poem with your child.

29 Play

Play grocery store with pantry items. Take turns "shopping" and "buying" food.

30 Writing

Draw zig-zags and waves on paper and have your child practice cutting along the lines.

31 Sounds

Go on a treasure hunt in your house for things that start with the letter B.

