

# Daily Fun with Your Little One!



**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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1 Math</b> Give your child an object, such as a plastic cup. Go around the house and ask your child to find objects that are bigger or smaller than the cup.
<b>2 Rhymes</b> It's Groundhog Day! Read <i>Grumpy Groundhog</i> by Maureen Wright together.	<b>3 Play</b> Get out an old board game. Have your child invent new rules for the game, and then play it according to the new rules.	<b>4 Reading</b> At breakfast, help your child read the cereal box or another food container together.	<b>5 Writing</b> It's National Weatherperson's Day. Have your child draw a weather forecast for tomorrow in pictures.	<b>6 Sounds</b> Ask your child what her favorite sound is and why. Then, share your favorite sound.	<b>7 Writing</b> It's National Send a Card to a Friend Day. Have your child make a card out of construction paper to give to a friend or family member.	<b>8 Songs</b> On National Kite Flying Day, sing "Let's Go Fly a Kite" from Disney's original <i>Mary Poppins</i> .
<b>9 Science</b> It's National Pizza Day. Make a pizza together, and talk about what happens to it as it bakes in the oven.	<b>10 Rhymes</b> How many words can your child think of that rhyme with the word "heart"?	<b>11 Songs</b> On National Make a Friend Day, make up a song about friendship and sing it to the tune of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm."	<b>12 Stories</b> Look at family pictures, and have your child tell you stories about what happened when each picture was taken.	<b>13 Writing</b> Make valentines for each other by cutting out paper hearts and writing kind words or drawing pictures on them.	<b>14 Reading</b> Happy Valentine's Day! Read <i>Valensteins</i> by Ethan Long together.	<b>15 Play</b> Find items around the house to use as musical instruments, and start a band.
<b>16 Sounds</b> Take turns making animal sounds and guessing the animal.	<b>17 Stories</b> Celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day by telling your child a story about a time someone went out of his or her way to be kind to you.	<b>18 Math</b> Have your child sort candy hearts into piles by color.	<b>19 Songs</b> While helping your child get dressed, make up a silly song to sing together.	<b>20 Play</b> It's National Love Your Pet Day. Have your child pretend he is a veterinarian and give his pet (either real or a stuffed animal) an imaginary checkup.	<b>21 Science</b> Go outside and help your child choose nature items, such as leaves and pine cones. Glue them to the inside of a shoebox lid for a nature shadow box.	<b>22 Rhymes</b> With tape or chalk, create a hopscotch game. Put a picture in each square. Call out a word, and have your child hop to the square with the rhyming word.
<b>23 Reading</b> Read <i>The Day It Rained Hearts</i> by Felicia Bond together.	<b>24 Math</b> Have your child go around the house and count all of the blue objects she can find.	<b>25 Science</b> Mix 2 tsp. baking soda with 1 cup water in a tall glass. Add several 1-inch pieces of spaghetti and 5 tsp. of vinegar. Watch what happens!	<b>26 Stories</b> It's National Tell a Fairy Tale Day. Read a favorite fairy tale together, and then make up your own version of it.	<b>27 Writing</b> It's National Polar Bear Day. Have your child draw a picture of a polar bear and give his bear a name. Help him write the name on the paper.	<b>28 Sounds</b> On National Tooth Fairy Day, ask your child how many words she can think of that have the same beginning sound as "tooth."	<b>29 Math</b> It's Leap Day! Explain to your child why this February is different than last February. How many more days are there this month?