

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 Reading

Read *Squirrel's New Year's Resolution* by Pat Miller together.

2 Writing

On National Science Fiction Day, cut a spaceship out of a paper plate and have kids draw their alien avatars inside.

3 Rhymes

How many words can you and your child think of that rhyme with "new" and "year"?

4 Play

Cut the fingers off a white rubber cleaning glove. Have your child draw a snowman on each to create finger puppets.

5 Sounds

Ask your child to give you a phrase, then repeat it correctly or with one word changed. Ask them, "Did I get it?"

6 Stories

After watching a movie together, have your child tell you in her own words what it was about.

7 Science

Put snow in a glass and mark its height. Let it melt, then measure the water's height. Discuss why the snow was so much taller.

8 Rhymes

Put toys or other small objects into a pillowcase. Pick one and brainstorm words that start with the same sound.

9 Play

Introduce your child to "I Spy" to practice descriptive words.

10 Songs

Sing "Do Your Ears Hang Low?" and act it out as you sing.

11 Math

Make six paper snowmen labeled 0-5. Put them in number order, then place the right number of cotton "snowballs" above each.

12 Stories

Have your child tell you a story about one of his stuffed animals or another toy.

13 Writing

On Make Your Dreams Come True Day, ask your child to draw a picture of her dream life.

14 Play

Dress up and host a dance party at home!

15 Science

Put a marshmallow or a piece of chocolate in a dish and put it in the microwave for 10 seconds. Discuss why the texture changed.

16 Writing

Draw colorful dragons on Appreciate a Dragon Day, and then give them names.

17 Science

Bake candy canes on parchment paper at 250°F for 3-5 min, then show kids how they bend without breaking. Be careful!

18 Reading

Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by reading *I Am Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Brad Meltzer together.

19 Math

Have your child tell you three wishes for the new year. Then, tell him three of your own. How many wishes is that altogether?

20 Reading

On Penguin Awareness Day, read *Penguins, Penguins Everywhere!* by Bob Barner together.

21 Science

See how arctic animals stay warm! Put 2 baggies on your child's hand. Fill the outer with shortening, then immerse in ice water.

22 Sounds

Ask your child what her favorite sound is and why. Then, share your favorite sound.

23 Writing

It's Handwriting Day! Have your child paint his initials using Q-tips as brushes.

24 Sounds

Practice animal sounds over a "phone." Say "Hi, is this Dog?" and have your child answer with a woof.

25 Math

While grocery shopping, count the items you put in your cart together.

26 Rhymes

Present images of two objects that rhyme and one that doesn't (like a tree, a bee, and a hat). Ask your child to remove the odd one out.

27 Stories

Look at family photos and tell stories about what's happening in them — real or made up!

28 Songs

It's Kazoo Day! Take turns playing your child's favorite songs on a kazoo and singing along.

29 Play

On National Puzzle Day, put together a simple puzzle with your child.

30 Songs

Have your child listen to two different versions of the same song. Ask her which one she liked better and why.

31 Math

For Soup Month, make soup together and have your child help measure the ingredients.