

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.



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<p>2 Math</p> <p>Use the frosting to frost cookies together. Then, sort the cookies by shape and color.</p>	<p>3 Songs</p> <p>Sing a familiar song and make up new verses.</p>	<p>4 Play</p> <p>Hold a tea party or picnic for your child and his stuffed animals.</p>	<p>5 Sounds</p> <p>It's National Walking Day. Take your child on a walk around your neighborhood. What sounds do you hear?</p>	<p>6 Math</p> <p>Have your child gather her stuffed animals or other toys and sort them by size.</p>	<p>7 Writing</p> <p>Have your child draw a picture of her favorite animal. Have her name the animal, and help her write the name on her drawing.</p>	<p>8 Reading</p> <p>It's Zoo Lovers Day! Read <i>A Sick Day for Amos McGee</i> by Philip C. Stead together.</p>
<p>9 Math</p> <p>Compare objects around the house. Which is larger, heavier, etc? </p>	<p>10 Rhymes</p> <p>While reading a book together, look for words that rhyme on the page.</p>	<p>11 Stories</p> <p>On National Pet Day, have your child tell you a story about your pet's day (or an imaginary pet's day).</p>	<p>12 Science</p> <p>It's Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day! Make one together and talk about what happens to the cheese as the sandwich is toasted.</p>	<p>13 Songs</p> <p>Sing "The Hokey Pokey" together and do the movements.</p>	<p>14 Reading</p> <p>It's Dolphin Day! Read <i>A Dolphin Up a Tree</i> by Kimberly Foster.</p>	<p>15 Math</p> <p>While taking a walk or riding in the car, have your child count how many red cars she sees.</p>
<p>16 Science</p> <p>Happy Easter! Read <i>Pete the Cat: Big Easter Adventure</i> by Kimberly and James Dean.</p>	<p>17 Rhymes</p> <p>Read a book with rhyming verses, such as <i>What About Moose?</i> by Corey Rosen Schwartz and Rebecca J. Gomez.</p>	<p>18 Writing</p> <p>Have your child draw a picture for a family member.</p>	<p>19 Play</p> <p>Act out a scene from your child's favorite book or movie together.</p>	<p>20 Reading</p> <p>Have your child help you read the directions as you prepare a simple meal, such as macaroni and cheese.</p>	<p>21 Science</p> <p>Bring different colored paint chips with you on a nature walk. Have your child match the colors on the paint chips to colors in nature.</p>	<p>22 Math</p> <p>On Jellybean Day, use jellybeans to help your child practice simple addition and subtraction problems.</p>
<p>23 Sounds</p> <p>Make sounds with various household items (for example, tap a spoon on the table or shake a box of cereal). Have your child guess what the sounds are.</p>	<p>24 Writing</p> <p>Put objects on the table and have your child practice writing the first letter of each object.</p>	<p>25 Rhymes</p> <p>While grocery shopping, point to an object (such as a "can") and have your child think of a rhyming word.</p>	<p>26 Reading</p> <p>Go to the library and choose a nonfiction book to read together.</p>	<p>27 Play</p> <p>Make up new rules to a familiar board game and play with your new rules.</p>	<p>28 Stories</p> <p>It's Superhero Day! Ask your child, "If you could have any superpower, what would it be?" Then make up a story about what would happen if you had that power!</p>	<p>29 Sounds</p> <p>Hold a contest to see who can make more realistic animal sounds.</p>
<p>30 Science</p> <p>Get bubble solution at the dollar store, and go outside and blow bubbles together.</p>						

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