

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.

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Science

Soak a cotton ball in water, place a popcorn kernel in it, and put it in a paper cup covered in plastic wrap. Place the cup in a sunny window. How many days until it sprouts?

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Reading

It's Groundhog Day! Read *Substitute Groundhog* by Pat Miller and Kathi Ember together.

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Stories

Find a book that has few or no words, such as *Beaver Is Lost* by Elisha Cooper. Have your child tell her own version of the story. Then, tell her yours!

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Writing

It's National Thank a Mail Carrier Day. Help your child write a note of thanks and give it to your mail carrier today.

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Play

On National Weatherperson's Day, take turns pretending to be your local weatherperson and give the day's forecast.

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Songs

Turn on one of your child's favorite songs and ask him how the song makes him feel and why.

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Rhymes

Write pairs of rhyming words on cutout hearts. Mix up the hearts and have your child find the matching pairs.

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Reading

On Kite Flying Day, read *Kite Day: A Bear and Mole Story* by Will Hillenbrand together.

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Math

It's National Pizza Day. Make a pizza together using refrigerated dough. Count the number of toppings you put on as you go.

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Sounds

Show your child pictures of different animals and talk about the sounds each animal makes.

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Science

Fill a clear plastic container with nuts and bolts, pipe cleaners, and paper clips. Give your child a magnet and let him experiment with lifting the objects with the magnet.

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Play

Get out an old board game. Have your child invent new rules for the game, and then play it according to the new rules.

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Math

Challenge your child to count by 5s as high as he can go.

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Writing

Happy Valentine's Day! Make valentines for each other by cutting out paper hearts and writing kind words or drawing pictures on them.

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Songs

Sing "Where Is Thumbkin?" and do the motions.

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Reading

While grocery shopping, read aloud words on the packages of the items you put in the cart.

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Stories

On Random Acts of Kindness Day, tell your child a story about a time someone was kind to you and how it made you feel.

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Math

Have your child go around the house and count all the red objects she can find.

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Sounds

Show your child pictures of different things that make noise, such as a truck, a dog, and a phone. Ask her to put the pictures in order of the loudest to the softest.

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Writing

On Love Your Pet Day, have your child draw a picture of either her pet or a friend's pet.

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Science

Go outside with your child and choose nature items, such as leaves, pine cones, and small branches. Glue them to the inside of a shoebox lid for a nature shadow box.

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Rhymes

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.

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Songs

While doing errands or riding in the car, make up a silly song to sing together.

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Play

Find items around the house to use as musical instruments, and start a band.

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Math

Have your child sort candy hearts into piles by color.

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Stories

In honor of Tell a Fairy Tale Day, read a classic fairy tale together. Then, have your child tell you his own version of the tale.

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Reading

On Polar Bear Day, read *Polar Bear Morning* by Lauren Thompson and Stephen Savage.

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Sounds

Talk about the different sounds you hear at different times of the year. What sounds do you hear in February that you don't hear in July?

