

Daily Fun with Your Little One!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Stories After reading a book together, have your child retell the story in her own words.	2 Reading It's Read Across America Day! Read your child's favorite book together.	3 Rhymes On World Wildlife Day, work together to write a short rhyming poem about your child's favorite animal.	4 Sounds Ask your child to demonstrate the sounds they hear at different times of day.	5 Songs While preparing meals, make up silly songs to sing together about the food you are making.	6 Math Place colored squares of paper on the table. Have your child sort objects onto the right color.	
7 Writing It's National Cereal Day! Spell out simple words using pieces of cereal.	8 Reading Choose a simple word such as "the" and have your child point it out each time he sees it in the book you read.	9 Play This Women's History Month, act out extraordinary women's tales using costumes or paper dolls.	10 Songs Play music and dance like crazy. When your child least expects it, pause the track and shout, "Freeze!"	11 Math Choose a room in the house. Count how many blue objects are in the room.	12 Science On Plant a Flower Day, place cut white flowers into vases with water and a few drops of food coloring. Watch the petals change color.	13 Sounds Ask your child what sounds we hear in the spring that we don't hear in the winter.
14 Play On Children's Craft Day, cut hearts out of green construction paper. Put three together with a stem to create a shamrock. Decorate.	15 Songs Name one of your child's favorite musical movies, and challenge him to sing a song from it.	16 Math Gather a pile of buttons, and have your child sort them by color.	17 Reading Happy St. Patrick's Day! Read <i>How to Catch a Leprechaun</i> by Adam Wallace together.	18 Stories After reading a favorite story together, act it out using puppets or stuffed animals.	19 Rhymes Put objects in a basket. Say a word (it can be nonsense) and have your child pick out the object it rhymes with, like "fizzers" and scissors.	20 Writing Have your child write a weather report for the day, either with words or pictures.
21 Math Count the number of steps it takes to walk from one side of the house to the other.	22 Stories After reading a favorite story together, act it out using puppets or stuffed animals.	23 Sounds It's National Puppy Day! Who can make the most realistic puppy sounds?	24 Play Play "restaurant" together, and take turns taking each other's orders.	25 Songs Put on a talent show in your living room. For extra fun, create your own instruments with household objects.	26 Science Cut 2 inches from a celery stalk's base. Put it in a shallow dish of water in direct sun until it sprouts roots, then move to soil.	27 Rhymes Draw a scene on a whiteboard. Say a word and have your child erase the thing that rhymes with it — like saying "fun" and erasing the sun.
28 Reading Welcome spring by reading <i>My Spring Robin</i> by Anne Rockwell.	29 Science Create an ocean in a bottle: add blue food coloring to a water bottle that's 1/3 full. Fill the rest of the bottle with cooking oil.	30 Play Get outside and jump rope together or play a game of hopscotch.	31 Writing It's National Crayon Day! Get out your crayons and construction paper and color away.	<p>Help your child get ready to learn to read!</p> <p>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.</p>		