



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 a nonfiction book together, such as *What's the Weather?* by Shelley Rotner.

2 Science

Ask "what if" questions as you walk outside. What if it never rained? What if there were no trees?

3 Math

Go for a walk with your child and point to all of the triangles that you see.

4 Reading

Hold your child in your lap and point to the words in a simple picture book as you read them.

5 Rhymes

Point to an object and ask your child to say the name for it and a word that rhymes with it.

6 Sounds

Cut out pictures from magazines and have your child practice matching the pictures to the letter sound you say. "B, b-b-b-b-b."

7 Writing

Spread shaving cream on a cookie sheet and practice writing letters with your fingers.

8 Songs

Sing the ABCs together.

9 Play

It's Teddy Bear Day—celebrate with a teddy bear picnic! What do you need to pack for your picnic?

10 Math

Ask your child to compare objects around the house. Which is smaller? Which is longer?

11 Stories

Tell your child a story about something funny that happened to you when you were young.

12 Science

Have your child drop small items such as buttons and leaves into a glass of water. Do they sink or float?

13 Writing

Have your child tell you a story about a picture he drew.

14 Songs

Sing as you do everyday things together, such as making breakfast or going to the store.

15 Sounds

Emphasize the beginning sounds in words. "Let's eat a p-p-p-peach!"

16 Reading

Read a wordless picture book together, such as *Journey* by Aaron Becker. Have your child make up the words to the story.

17 Rhymes

Hide objects or pictures around the house, then give your child a word and send her on a rhyming scavenger hunt.

18 Math

Form green balls and yellow balls with play dough. Help your child make a patterned caterpillar body. Green, yellow, green, yellow, and so on.

19 Play

Give your child bowls and a wooden spoon to "make dinner" as you're making dinner.

20 Writing

Help your child form letters out of play dough.

21 Science

Go on a nature walk together. Talk about what you see.

22 Math

Stack and make patterns with toy blocks.

23 Writing

Have your child color a picture of a fall tree with red, orange, and yellow leaves.

24 Stories

After your child tells a story, ask questions to get more details.

25 Sounds

Choose a letter. Have your child find as many objects as he can that start with that letter.

26 Reading

When you're reading a story together, pause when something is about to happen and say, "I wonder what's going to happen next."

27 Writing

Have your child make a dot painting using her fingers or Q-tips dipped in paint.

28 Play

Play restaurant with your child outside with plastic containers for bowls and leaves for "food."

29 Math

Put together a puzzle with your child.

30 Rhymes

Together, read *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr.

