

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

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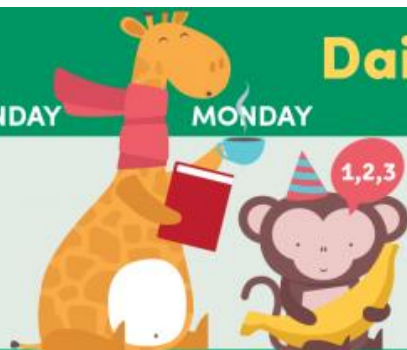
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Help your child get ready to learn to read!

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 Science
It's National Space Day! Go to the library and check out a nonfiction book about space or the planets to read together.

2 Play
On National Fitness Day, go outside and get some exercise while playing a game of tag.

3 Reading
It's National Lemonade Day. Celebrate by reading *Maisy Makes Lemonade* by Lucy Cousins together.

4 Writing
It's National Weather Observers Day. Have your child draw pictures of the weather outside in the morning, afternoon, and evening.

5 Reading
It's Cinco de Mayo! Read *Marco's Cinco de Mayo* by Lisa Bullard together.

6 Sounds
Flip through a magazine or book with pictures of different animals, and ask your child to make the sounds that the animals make.

7 Math
Put out a bowl of colored cereal, such as Fruit Loops, and have your child sort the pieces by color.

8 Rhymes
How many words can your child think of that rhyme with "May"?

9 Play
On National Sleepover Day, have a "sleepover" in the middle of the day! Get out sleeping bags, pillows, and snacks, and play games.

10 Songs
Sing "Where Is Thumbkin?" and do the hand motions.

11 Stories
Read a book about halfway through. Then stop and ask your child what she thinks will happen next and how it will end.

12 Writing
Write letters on a small piece of paper and stick it to the inside cover of a CD case. Have your child trace the letters with a dry erase marker.

13 Sounds
Show your child a picture of an object. Ask him to tell you what sound is at the beginning and end of the word for the object.

14 Play
It's National Dance Like a Chicken Day. Put on your child's favorite music and let loose!

15 Math
It's National Chocolate Chip Day. Use chocolate chips to solve simple addition and subtraction problems. Then have a sweet treat!

16 Writing
On National Love a Tree Day, have your child draw a picture of her favorite kind of tree.

17 Reading
While grocery shopping, have your child help you read your shopping list.

18 Songs
While preparing dinner, make up a song together about what you're making.

19 Rhymes
Read a rhyming book together, such as *The Pout-Pout Fish* by Deborah Diesen.

20 Stories
Ask your child to tell you a story about what he thinks her stuffed animals do during the day.

21 Science
Take a walk outside, and talk about all of the animals that you see or hear.

22 Sounds
Sit quietly inside for 30 seconds. Then go outside and sit quietly for 30 seconds. What sounds did you hear outside that you didn't hear inside?

23 Stories
It's National Lucky Penny Day. Tell your child a story about a time a penny or another object brought you good luck.

24 Math
It's National Scavenger Hunt Day. Send your child on a scavenger hunt around the house to find colored objects.

25 Songs
Sing your child's favorite song together as you get ready for bed.

26 Rhymes
Put several items in a bag, such as a spoon, a pen, a sock, a doll, and so on. Have your child pull items out and say a word that rhymes with each item.

27 Science
Fill a small bowl with water and sprinkle pepper over the entire top of the water. Have your child put dish soap on her fingertip and touch the middle of the water.

28 Reading
It's National Hamburger Day! Read *Sam's Hamburger* by David Pelham together.

29 Math
While cleaning your child's room, have him count and sort his toys and stuffed animals.

30 Writing
It's National Creativity Day! Set out crayons, glue, glitter, and other craft supplies, and tell your child to let her creativity to go wild!

31 Songs
On National Smile Day, sing a silly song together that makes your child smile.

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