

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 Rhymes

Make a simple paper cube. On each side, write a one-syllable word. Roll the die and ask your child to say one or two words that rhyme with it.

2 Writing

Use cotton swabs dipped in paint to help your child write the first letter of her name on black paper.

3 Sounds

It's World Smile Day. Ask your child what sounds make her happy. Then make a "happy sounds" playlist together.

4 Songs

Sing "Five Little Pumpkins" with your child. Act it out using fingers or paper pumpkin cutouts.

5 Reading

It's Fire Prevention Week! Read a book about fire trucks or firefighters and talk about fire safety at home.

6 Sounds

Tap rhythms on the table and ask your child to copy them.

7 Stories

It's Taco Day! Read *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin, art by Daniel Salmieri. Then ask your child what silly things they would put in a taco.

8 Math

Sort Halloween candy (real or pretend) by color, shape, or wrapper size.

9 Science

Explore shadows with a flashlight and toys. Ask your child how the shadow changes when you move the light.

10 Play

Dress up as weather (rain = blue scarf, sun = yellow shirt) and act it out.

11 Writing

Draw a pumpkin together and help your child label the parts: stem, seeds, skin, pulp.

12 Stories

Tell a "spooky but silly" story using stuffed animals as characters. Ask your child to help with the ending.

13 Rhymes

Say this: "Bat, hat, cat, mat." What other words rhyme? Can your child think of a nonsense rhyme?

14 Play

Make a spider web with painter's tape on the floor. Toss cotton balls or pom-poms and see what sticks.

15 Sounds

It's White Cane Safety Day. Go for a walk with your child and take turns being "the guide" with your eyes closed. What do you hear?

16 Songs

Sing "Itsy Bitsy Spider" with big movements, then again with tiny fingers. Which one does your child like more?

17 Reading

Check out *Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson, art by Axel Scheffler, from the library or find a read-aloud online.

18 Science

Float or sink? Drop fall items (like pinecones, apples, or leaves) in water and see what floats!

19 Play

Make a toy parade! Help your child line up favorite toys and march them around the room with music.

20 Rhymes

It's International Sloth Day! Say a slow rhyme together: "Slow as a sloth, smooth as a moth..." What comes next?

21 Play

Play pretend pumpkin patch! Hide mini pumpkins around the room and go on a pumpkin hunt.

22 Sounds

Use kitchen items (pot lids, wooden spoons) to make a "spooky sound" band.

23 Writing

Use fingers to "write" letters in a tray of cinnamon or sugar. Bonus: it smells like fall!

24 Stories

Tell a story about a black cat who goes on an adventure. Let your child help decide what the cat sees next.

25 Math

Line up toy ghosts or Halloween figures and ask your child: "How many?" "Who's first?" "Who's last?"

26 Songs

Sing "If You're a Monster and You Know It" (clap your claws, stomp your feet). Make up your own verses!

27 Rhymes

Use puppets or stuffed animals. Have one puppet say a word, and the other must answer with a rhyme.

28 Play

It's Chocolate Day! Pretend to run a chocolate shop with playdough or brown and white blocks.

29 Science

Explore melting! Put ice cubes in different spots (sunny window, fridge, table) and observe what happens.

30 Sounds

Walk around making different animal sounds such as a sneaky cat, a stomping elephant, or a buzzing bee.

31 Reading

It's Halloween! Read a fun Halloween book in costume. Let your child pick the voice for each character.

