

# Daily Fun with Your Little One!

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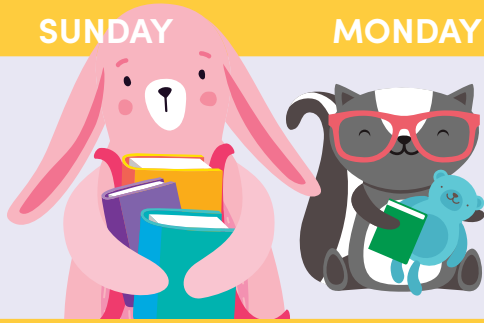
TUESDAY

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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 Rhymes

Happy May Day! How many words can your child rhyme with the word "May"?

2 Writing

Look at a map and see where you live. Have your child draw a picture of your home.

3 Stories

Read half of a story to your child, then ask her to make up the ending.

4 Reading

Children's Book Week starts today. Celebrate by reading your child's favorite book together.

5 Play

Hop, flutter, or wiggle! Have your child pretend to be a springtime animal. Ask him how he would move and what he would sound like.

6 Math

Help your child create color patterns with blocks or paper strips: red, orange, yellow. What comes next? Let her design her own repeating pattern.

7 Writing

Pick a letter and have your child draw or list three things that start with that letter.

8 Reading

Visit your library and check out books about birds, bugs, or spring that you can read aloud together!

9 Stories

Read the classic picture book by Margaret Wise Brown, *Two Little Trains*. Ask your child to tell you a story about where he wants to take a train trip.

10 Sounds

There are so many sounds of spring. Go on a listening walk. Ask your child about what she hears and to describe the sounds.

11 Writing

What's the weather like outside? Have your child draw what he sees: sunshine, rain, rainbows, clouds, etc.

12 Rhymes

Say: "I planted a cat in my garden!" Replace *cat* with rhyming words: *hat, bat, mat*. Giggles welcome.

13 Stories

Read spring-themed stories to your child and ask her to share her thoughts.

14 Play

For Dance Like a Chicken Day, play Chicken Dance and Freeze with your child! Flap and waddle to music, then freeze into a letter shape when the music stops.

15 Sounds

Stomp out a simple beat. Invite your child to copy it. Try patterns like stomp-stomp-pause or stomp-pause-stomp. Switch roles and let your child lead.

16 Reading

It's Love a Tree Day. Read *Trees Make Perfect Pets* by Paul Czajak and Cathy Gendron with your child. Or listen to the read-aloud on YouTube @ danareadsforliteracy.

17 Math

Take a color or shape walk. Show your child pictures of a shape or color and then go on a hunt around your yard or neighborhood to find items that are that shape or color!

18 Play

Pick a sunny day to head outside look at your shadows. Ask your child to make her shadow jump, wiggle, or stretch. Try stepping on other's shadows for a game of shadow tag.

19 Songs

Sing The Green Grass Grew All Around: "A bird in the egg, in the nest, on the branch, on the limb, on the tree, in the hole, in the ground." Can you remember the growing list?

20 Science

For World Bee Day, head outside to spot bees. Talk about what the bees are doing, where they land, and how they move.

21 Rhymes

It's Pet Month. Name pets like cat, dog, or fish. Ask your child to think of words that rhyme (cat-hat, dog-log, fish-wish). Silly words count!

22 Math

Arrange the shoes in your house from smallest to biggest.

23 Writing

For World Turtle Day, draw a turtle and help your child label parts like the shell and legs.

24 Play

It's Scavenger Hunt Day. Print out some pictures of bugs. Go outside with your child to find them.

25 Songs

Sing a short line like, "Hello sunshine, warm and bright," and have your child echo it back.

26 Math

Talk (and count) May numbers with your child: May is the fifth month of the year, the second month of spring, and has 31 days.

27 Reading

It's World Otter Day. Talk about how otters move: *slide, splash, dive, float*. Have your child act out the words. Can he think of another movement word?

28 Sounds

Say words and clap the syllables together: flow-er (2), gar-den (2), sun-shine (2), base-ball (2).

29 Science

Let your child draw outside using sidewalk chalk. Give her a spray bottle to mist the chalk with water, making it like paint! Watch it dry in the sun!

30 Play

Go outside for scarf toss fun! Gently toss lightweight scarves up into the air and watch them swirl and float like butterflies. Can your child catch one before it lands?

31 Reading

Today is May's second full moon. Read Cynthia Rylant's *Long Night Moon*

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