

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY



MONDAY

1 Reading

It's Pie Day. Head to your local library and look for a book with a pie on the cover to read.

TUESDAY

2 Play

It's World Trick Shot Day. Take a rolled-up sock and challenge your child to come up with a fun way to throw it into a laundry basket.

WEDNESDAY

3 Math

Show your child measuring cups and spoons and talk about the importance of measuring ingredients while baking cookies.

THURSDAY

4 Writing

It's Santa's List Day. No matter what you celebrate, help your child write the top three things she wants as gifts this year.

FRIDAY

5 Sounds

It's Bathtub Party Day. Give your child a bath and ask what sounds his different bath toys would make.

SATURDAY

6 Reading

For Mitten Tree Day read *The Mitten* by Jan Brett to your child.

7 Science

Get a map of the country and show your child what mountains look like on the map.

8 Stories

It's Pretend to be a Time Traveler Day. Ask your child to tell a story about visiting a time in the past or future.

9 Reading

Today is Christmas Card Day. No matter what you celebrate, help your child read any cards that come in the mail.

10 Math

It's Dewey Decimal System Day. Look at a few library books and have your child read off the numbers on the spine.

11 Play

It's Stretching Day. Before running around the house, show your child how she can stretch out her body.

12 Rhymes

For Poinsettia Day, have your child name words that rhyme with Flower.

13 Writing

It's Cocoa Day. Help your child write an original hot cocoa recipe with fun stuff like candy.

14 Play

It's Monkey Day. Walk around the house today acting like monkeys.

15 Rhymes

Show your child a picture of an animal and have her find pictures of objects that rhyme with the animal.

16 Math

See how many shapes your child can make using candy cane sticks.

17 Songs

Celebrate Say It Now Day. Have your child come up with songs to tell people how much he loves them.

18 Play

Today is Twin Day. Dress up in matching outfits with your child and try to act the same for the day.

19 Writing

Have your child pick out items to "gift" to his stuffed animals and write a gift tag for each item.

20 Songs

It's Go Caroling Day. No matter what you celebrate, put together a group of people in your neighborhood to sing door to door.

21 Stories

It's Flashlight Day. Sit in the dark with your child and shine a flashlight on each other, taking turns to finish a story.

22 Reading

Welcome winter by reading *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats.

23 Math

For Roots Day, make a family tree with your child and have them count how many relatives they have.

24 Play

Have an indoor snowball fight with balls of paper, white socks, or homemade fabric snowballs.

25 Reading

It's No "L" Day. Have fun reading words with the letter "L" and then removing that letter to say the made-up word.

26 Writing

It's Thank You Note Day. Help your child write a thank you note for a recent gift she received.

27 Rhymes

Today is Fruitcake Day. Have your child say as many words as she can that rhyme with "cake."

28 Science

Make fluffy "snow slime" with ½ cup of Elmer's glue, 3 cups of shaving cream, ½ tsp. of baking soda, and 1 tbsp. of saline solution.

29 Sounds

Say two words out loud. Have your child stand if they start with the same sound and sit if they don't.

30 Play

It's Bacon Day. Lay down on the ground with your child and flop around and make noises like you're a piece of bacon in a frying pan.

31 Songs

Play the song "Auld Lang Syne" and ask your child to come up with their own end-of-year lyrics.

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.

