

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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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 Reading

On New Year's Day, read *Because* by Mo Willems, about inspiration and persistence for the new year.

2 Rhymes

How many words can you and your child think of that rhyme with "new" and "year"?

3 Math

Play Mitten Pairs with your child by matching and counting pairs of mittens.

4 Play

Use toy trucks to plow pretend snow. Use cotton balls or salt.

5 Sounds

Chirp, tweet, caw, hoot! It's National Bird Day. Ask your child how many different bird sounds she can make.

6 Songs

Watch *The Four Seasons* from Laurie Berkner. Move along with your child as he learns about winter and other seasons.

7 Reading

Celebrate Thank You Month by reading *Thank You, Omu* by Oge Mora with your child.

8 Stories

Place 3–5 unrelated objects in a bag. Have your child pull them out one at a time and create a story that includes each of the items.

9 Science

Freeze small toys in ice. Then have your child use salt to "melt and rescue" them.

10 Play

Walk with a beanbag between your knees and have a penguin waddle race with your child!

11 Writing

Draw a snowman and help your child label the parts: hat, eyes, nose, buttons.

12 Math

For Soup Month, make soup using math! Ask your child to help you measure the ingredients. Talk about how long the soup will cook.

13 Rhymes

Go to the library and ask the children's librarian to recommend a rhyming book or two.

14 Sounds

Using empty paper towel rolls or wooden spoons as rhythm sticks, play your child's favorite song and have her match the beat.

15 Play

Hide toys or objects around the room and give your child clues to find them.

16 Math

Do snowball addition with cotton balls or pom poms. "If I have 2 snowballs and you give me 1 more, how many do I have now?"

17 Science

It's Kid Inventors' Day. Provide a variety of cardboard boxes, tape, and other craft supplies to let your child build anything she imagines.

18 Math

Make snowballs with your child from snow or tissue paper. Ask him to count each one he throws.

19 Reading

It's Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Visit [@BrightlyStorytime](#) on YouTube and search the book title *Who Was Martin Luther King, Jr.?* by author Lisbeth Kaiser to hear the read-aloud.

20 Science

It's Penguin Awareness Day. Visit [aquariumofpacific.org](#) and enjoy the live [penguin cam](#) with your child.

21 Sounds

For Squirrel Appreciation Day, bundle up for a nature walk with your child. Listen for squirrel sounds: scurrying, rustling, squeaking.

22 Play

What better time to try out a new hobby with your child than Hobby Month? Head to your local library and try something new at a workshop or event.

23 Writing

Write letters in trays filled with salt or sugar (like snow).

24 Rhymes

On Compliment Day, practice rhyming with your child using compliment words: kind/find, sweet/neat, nice/ice.

25 Math

Make hot cocoa together and count the scoops of cocoa. If you add marshmallows, count those too!

26 Sounds

Tap out a beat on a table or counter. Ask your child to copy your beat.

27 Science

Observe bare trees and evergreens with your child. Ask her to talk about the differences.

28 Reading

It's Library Shelfie Day! Take a picture with your child and his favorite bin of books. Use [#libraryshelfie](#) to share it out.

29 Stories

Ask your child to tell you a story. "It's snowing outside! What should we wear: a hat, scarf, mittens?"

30 Songs

Listen to a slow song and a fast song with your child. Ask him which he liked best and why.

31 Writing

Use Wikki Stix, playdough, or pipe cleaners and help your child form letters.