

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Writing It's World Letter Writing Day. Keep it simple (and literal). Fill a tray with rice and have your child use his finger to form letters in the rice.	2 Reading It's Library Card Sign-Up Month. Take a trip to the library and get your child a library card of his own. Let him check out some books.	3 Songs It's Classical Music Month. Play a kid-friendly piece such as <i>Vivaldi's Four Seasons</i> or <i>Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture (Finale)</i> . Ask your child what it makes her imagine.	4 Play It's Labor Day. Act out community helper roles. Let your child pretend to be a firefighter, doctor, and more to expand his understanding of different occupations.	5 Science Get a few types of apples. Have your child taste each one. Discuss the similarities and differences. Which is her favorite?	6 Reading Today is Read A Book Day. Read your child's favorite book to him. Ask him to make up a new ending.	7 Rhymes Act out a rhyme with your child like "Leaves Are Falling" or "Five Little Acorns."
8 Stories It's Grandparents Day. Share a fun story with your child about her grandparents.	9 Writing It's Teddy Bear Day. Help your child write a note to his teddy about what makes it special.	10 Sounds Place some leaves in a bucket or bowl. Ask your child what sounds she can make by swirling or crunching the leaves.	11 Play It's Make Your Bed Day. How fast can your child make his bed? Time him and see. Can he do it again and beat his record?	12 Stories Tell your child what your favorite fall activity is. Ask what her favorite is. Go out and enjoy your activities together.	13 Math Put together a puzzle with your child. Then take it apart and do it again!	14 Songs On this day in 1716, the first lighthouse in America was built in Boston Harbor. Sing along to <i>Little Lighthouse</i> by Sue McBride with your child.
15 Writing Help your child draw fall fruits and veggies such as apples, pears, and pumpkins.	16 Science As cooler weather approaches, explore outdoors with your child and help him look for evidence of animals and insects getting ready for winter.	17 Reading Read a fall-themed book with your child like <i>Little Acorn</i> from Igloo Books or <i>The Leaf Thief</i> by Alice Hemming.	18 Play Go on a fall nature walk and look for signs of autumn in your area. Collect fallen leaves, acorns, and pinecones for a fun art project.	19 Stories Celebrate Honey Month by watching bee-themed movies with your child, like <i>Bee Movie</i> . Make up and share your own bee stories.	20 Rhymes Practice the "30 Days Has September" nursery rhyme with your child.	21 Writing It's Gratitude Day. Help your child create a list where each letter of the alphabet is the first letter of something he is thankful for. Be silly!
22 Sounds Celebrate the first day of autumn by having your child listen for fall animal sounds. Can she hear bird songs or squirrel chatter?	23 Math Gather leaves with your child. Have him match them by color, variety, and size. Then count how many of each.	24 Reading For Punctuation Day, show your child how punctuation can show excitement ("What!") or curiosity ("What?").	25 Math It's Math Storytelling Day. Tell your child a fun story with simple math problems she can solve along the way.	26 Play Prepare for winter! Have your child pick a stuffed animal and use a pillow and blanket to create a snug bed/den for his animal to sleep/hibernate in.	27 Rhymes Ask your child to name as many words as she can think of that rhyme with "fall."	28 Songs Make up songs to sing about autumn fun like jumping in leaf piles and picking apples.
29 Play Have a pumpkin hunt! Hide some mini pumpkins indoors or outside. Label them with numbers or letters. Have your child say the number/letter as he finds them.	30 Science Explore outdoors with your child. Help her look for evidence of animals and insects getting ready for winter.	<p>Help your child get ready to learn to read!</p> <p>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.</p>				

