

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

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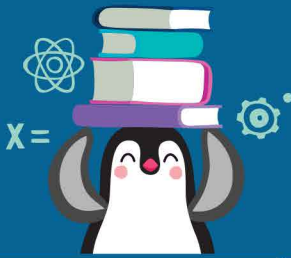
TUESDAY

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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 Reading

On New Year's Day, read *Squirrel's New Year's Resolution* by Pat Miller and set some simple resolutions with your child.

2 Rhymes

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

3 Math

Have your child count all the red things in his room.

4 Play

Introduce your child to "I Spy" to practice descriptive words.

5 Sounds

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

6 Songs

Sing and dance along to The Learning Station's "Boom Chicka Boom" song for kids.

7 Reading

Open a book. Ask your child how many words he can find that begin with the first letter of his name.

8 Stories

After watching a movie together, have your child make up and tell you a new ending.

9 Science

Get 3 marshmallows. Microwave one for 10 seconds, one for 30 seconds, and one for 50 seconds. Ask your child how they're different.

10 Play

Ask your child to teach you his favorite game. Let him make up his own rules!

11 Writing

Ask your child to draw a picture of her perfect wintery day.

12 Math

Give your child an object that's easy to carry. Go around the house and ask him to find objects that are bigger or smaller than the object.

13 Rhymes

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

14 Sounds

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

15 Play

Make a blanket fort and climb inside. Bring along your child's favorite stuffed animals.

16 Math

It's Appreciate a Dragon Day. Celebrate by reading *There Are No Dragons in This Book* by Donna Lambo-Weidner

17 Science

For Kid Inventors' Day, ask your child what she would invent if she could invent anything she wanted. How would she make it?

18 Math

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

19 Reading

Collect bottle caps and write your child's name on them (one letter per cap). Jumble the caps together and then ask her to put them in the correct order to spell her name.

20 Science

Check out a nonfiction book about your child's favorite animal. Look at the pictures and read the captions together.

21 Sounds

Bundle up for a nature walk and talk about what sounds you hear.

22 Stories

Have your child tell you a story about what he and his stuffed animals would talk about if his stuffed animals could talk.

23 Writing

On Handwriting Day, have your child draw a picture from her favorite book.

24 Songs

Sing while you do everyday activities like putting on socks and shoes.

25 Reading

Get silly on Opposite Day! Read your child's favorite book to him backwards.

26 Sounds

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

27 Writing

It's Crayola Creativity Week. Get free creative resources for you and your child to enjoy at creativity-week.squarespace.com.

28 Math

It's International LEGO Day. Set out some large Legos. Count and sort them. Then let the building begin.

29 Stories

Ask your child to tell you a story about what she would do if she were a snowman.

30 Songs

Listen to two different versions of the same song with your child. Ask him which he liked best and why.

31 Rhymes

Put toys or other small objects in a pillowcase. Have your child pick them out one by one and brainstorm words that rhyme with each object.

