

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY

1 Reading

It's Pie Day. Celebrate by reading *How to Make a Cherry Pie and See the U.S.A.* by Marjorie Priceman together.

MONDAY

2 Sounds

Ask your child how many words she can think of that have the same beginning sound as "holidays."

TUESDAY

3 Writing

On National Day of Giving, have your child draw pictures or make cards to give to friends and family members.

WEDNESDAY

4 Math

It's National Cookie Day. Bake your child's favorite cookies together, and have him help you measure the ingredients.

THURSDAY

5 Rhymes

Have your child go around the house finding pairs of rhyming objects.

FRIDAY

6 Songs

What is your child's favorite holiday song? Sing it together, and then sing it again with your own lyrics.

SATURDAY

7 Science

It's Cotton Candy Day. Make a mixture of half glue and half shaving cream. Add food coloring, then paint swirls of it on paper to make "cotton candy."

8 Play

It's Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day. Have your child pick the time period, and have fun!

9 Reading

At breakfast time, read the back of the cereal box together.

10 Stories

Tell each other stories about the funniest things that happened during 2019.

11 Writing

Use a marker to write simple words on sheets of bubble wrap. Have your child pop the bubble wrap around the letters.

12 Math

Set out various objects, such as socks, buttons, and pens, and have your child sort them into piles by color.

13 Play

It's Gingerbread House Day. Get creative and make a gingerbread mansion or hotel using graham crackers and frosting.

14 Science

On National Cocoa Day, make some instant hot cocoa together, and talk about what happens to the mix as you stir.

15 Songs

It's Monkey Day. Make up a song about monkeys and sing it to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus."

16 Rhymes

It's National Cupcake Day. Read *Peanut Butter & Cupcake* by Terry Border together.

17 Writing

On Chocolate-Covered Anything Day, ask, "If you could eat anything dipped in chocolate, what would it be?" Have him draw a picture of it.

18 Sounds

What are your child's favorite sounds in the winter?

19 Math

While driving in the car, have your child count the number of blue cars she sees.

20 Stories

Have your child tell you his own version of his favorite story.

21 Science

Pour a thin layer of milk in a pan. Add liquid food coloring. Dip a cotton swab in dish soap and press and hold in the milk. Watch what happens!

22 Play

On National Flashlight Day, make shadow puppets on the wall by making shapes with your hands in front of a flashlight.

23 Rhymes

How many words can your child think of that rhyme with "snow"?

24 Writing

On National Roots Day, have your child draw pictures of his grandparents or other relatives.

25 Reading

Read *Stick Man* by Julie Donaldson together.

26 Stories

Tell your child a story about a favorite holiday memory from your childhood.

27 Writing

It's National Candy Cane Day. Work on fine motor skills by stringing Fruit Loops on pipe cleaners and bending into candy cane shapes.

28 Sounds

Ask your child what her favorite animal sound is. Then practice making that sound!

29 Play

It's National Card Playing Day. Get out a deck of cards and make up your own game together.

30 Math

Have your child solve simple math problems using pieces of his favorite snack, such as crackers or raisins.

31 Reading

Read *Squirrel's New Year's Resolution* by Pat Miller together.

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.

