

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Writing

Have your child draw a picture that shows her favorite thing about fall.

2 Rhymes

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

3 Math

While he is cleaning his room, ask your child to sort his toys by color.

4 Reading

It's National Wildlife Day. Go to the library and choose some nonfiction books about your child's favorite animals to read together.

5 Sounds

What words can your child think of that have the same beginning sound as "September"? What about words with the same ending sound?

6 Stories

At bedtime, have your child tell you a story about everything that happened during the day.

7 Songs

Sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" together, using a different exotic animal in each verse.

8 Science

Color ½ cup water with food coloring. Fill a glass ¾ full with veg. oil. Pour in the water, leaving an inch at the top. Add pieces of antacid tablets to make a lava lamp.

9 Play

It's National Teddy Bear Day. Invite your child's teddy bears and other stuffed animals to a sleepover in the living room. Serve snacks, play games, and watch a movie!

10 Math

Make "ants on a log" (celery sticks with peanut butter and raisins on top). Have your child count the raisins as you add them.

11 Writing

Write your child's name in large letters on a piece of paper. Then, let her use markers to trace over each letter. Have her trace it multiple times in different colors.

12 Stories

On National Day of Encouragement, tell your child a story about a time someone encouraged you and how that made you feel.

13 Reading

Read *Little Tree* by Loren Long together.

14 Songs

Have your child make up his own lyrics to a favorite tune.

15 Sounds

Before reading a book together, look at the cover and say the title out loud. Ask your child what the beginning sound of the first word is.

16 Play

On National Play-Doh Day, get out several colors of Play-Doh for your child to use, and tell her to get creative!

17 Math

Use a ruler or tape measure to measure the height of your child's favorite doll.

18 Writing

Set out some newspaper and tempera paints, and have your child paint a picture on a piece of white paper.

19 Reading

Celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day by reading *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long and David Shannon together.

20 Science

On National Pepperoni Pizza Day, make a pizza together, talking about what happens to the cheese and the dough as it bakes.

21 Play

It's National Dance Day. You know what to do—turn on your child's favorite music, and dance away!

22 Science

On Ice Cream Cone Day, enjoy a sweet treat together, and talk about what happens if you eat an ice cream cone too slowly.

23 Songs

While in the car, make up a song about the place you are driving to.

24 Rhymes

Flip through a magazine, and have your child look for pairs of rhyming words on the pages (or pictures of rhyming words).

25 Sounds

Ask your child, "What is your favorite sound in fall? What sounds do you hear in fall that you don't hear in summer?"

26 Math

It's National Pancake Day. Make a batch together, and have your child count the pancakes as you stack them on a plate.

27 Stories

Before reading a book together, have your child tell you a story based on the cover of the book.

28 Science

It's Family Health and Fitness Day. Talk about why it's important to take good care of our bodies, and go for a walk together around the neighborhood.

29 Play

Get out a deck of cards, and make up a new game together.

30 Reading

While grocery shopping, have your child help you read your grocery list.

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.

