Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		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 Science** It's Apple Month. Explore the parts of an Apple with your child. Name the skin, stem, and seeds. Talk about how apple trees grow from seeds.	**2 Math** It's Hummingbird Day. Did you know a hummingbird weighs about the same as a penny? Have your child hold a penny and compare its weight to a crayon or a ball.
3 Play It's Skyscraper Day. Build a tall building with blocks and knock it down!	**4 Songs** It's Labor Day. Ask your child what she wants to be when she grows up and why. Sing along to the Super Simple Songs video *When I Grow Up*.	**5 Writing** For Cheese Pizza Day, give your child a paper plate and ask him to draw his favorite kind of pizza.	**6 Science** Gather some fall items with your child such as a pinecone, a leaf, and an acorn. Fill a container with water and see which items sink and which float.	**7 Sounds** Take an autumn walk with your child and listen for the sounds of the season like crunching leaves, flying geese, and chirping crickets.	**8 Rhymes** Poet Jack Prelutsky was born on this day. Read *My Neighbor's Dog is Purple* and point out the rhyming words.	**9 Reading** It's Teddy Bear Day. Make a bear-cave pillow fort with your child. Climb inside and read *The Teddy Bear* by David McPhail.
10 Writing It's Grandparents Day. Help your child write a letter to her grandparents letting them know what's going on in her life.	**11 Science** Have your child rest small pumpkins or apples on top of paper towel rolls and other objects to have fun with balance.	**12 Stories** Ask your child to make up a story about why squirrels hide nuts in the fall.	**13 Math** Count candy corn together. Label small plastic cups from 0–10. Have your child count and put the correct number of candies in each cup.	**14 Sounds** On this day in 1959, the first spacecraft reached the moon. Ask your child what he thinks a launch might sound like.	**15 Songs** Sing the *ABC's* together. Then sing *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*. Ask your child to pay attention to how the tunes sound similar.	**16 Science** It's Collect Rocks Day. Ask your child to find some rocks and talk about how they're different.
17 Stories Tell your child a story about your first day of school.	**18 Play** Be a chef with your child outside using leaves, acorns, and pinecones for "ingredients".	**19 Reading** It's Talk Like a Pirate Day. Read a pirate-themed book to your child in your best pirate voice.	**20 Rhymes** Point to an object and ask your child to name that object and a word that rhymes with it.	**21 Writing** Have your child color a picture of a fall tree with red, orange, yellow, purple, and brown leaves.	**22 Sounds** Talk about how the sounds you hear in the fall are different from the sounds you hear in the summer.	**23 Math** It's the first day of Autumn. Ask your child to find two red leaves, three yellow leaves, and four green leaves.
24 Reading On Punctuation Day share the book *Punctuation Celebration* by Elsa Bruno and Jenny Whitehead.	**25 Stories** It's Dog Week. Help your child draw a picture of a dog and tell you a story about it.	**26 Science** Enjoy Pancake Day by making a batch of pancakes with your child. Describe the changes that happen as the batter cooks.	**27 Rhymes** Ask your child to name as many words as she can think of that rhyme with fall?	**28 Writing** Today is Good Neighbor Day. Help your child write a list of things he can do to be a good neighbor.	**29 Math** Today is World Heart Day. Exercise with your child and keep your hearts healthy! Do 10 jumping jacks, then 10 toe touches while counting out loud.	**30 Play** For Friendship Month, invite one of your child's friends over to play.

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