

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 Writing

Happy May Day! Work with your child to write a spring bucket list.

2 Rhymes

See how many words your child can rhyme with the word "May."

3 Math

It's Space Day. Play mission control. Start by counting backwards: 5-4-3-2-1 blastoff!

4 Stories

It's Share a Story Month. Exchange favorite stories with your child. Maybe they're silly stories, pet stories, or travel stories?

5 Play

It's Cinco De Mayo. Celebrate by learning the *Mexican Hat Dance* together.

6 Reading

Children's Book Week begins today. Attend a storytime with your child at your local library or just read her favorite story at home.

7 Writing

With some chunky sidewalk chalk, have your child draw shapes or letters outside on your patio or walkway.

8 Science

Explore insects outside with your child. Use magnifying glasses to observe them and discuss their characteristics.

9 Songs

Make a May playlist together including songs that mention sunshine, spring, or butterflies. Then have a listen and dance around.

10 Sounds

There are so many sounds of spring. Go on a walk and play guess the sound with your child.

11 Writing

What's the weather outside? Have your child draw what he sees: sunshine, rain, rainbows, clouds, etc.

12 Rhymes

Today is Limerick Day. Work with your child to write a five-line poem, the sillier the better.

13 Reading

Read spring-themed stories to your child and ask her to share her thoughts.

14 Play

Act out the lifecycle of a butterfly with your child: crawl like a caterpillar, chomp up some food, go into a chrysalis (blanket) and then turn into a butterfly and flutter about.

15 Reading

It's Get Caught Reading Month. Read as many books as you can with you child and take book selfies together.

16 Science

It's Love a Tree Day. Go on a nature walk in your neighborhood and point out the trees. Talk with your child about how the leaves and bark look different.

17 Math

It's Pizza Party Day. Make a pizza with your child. Have him count the toppings. 1,2,3 pieces of pepperoni. Will you slice it into squares or triangles?

18 Songs

Go online with your child and listen to Jack Hartmann's *It's the Month of May* song

19 Writing

Have your child gather sticks or rocks and help her use them to create shapes or letters.

20 Sounds

It's World Bee Day. Bees are important to all life. Go outside with your child and listen for the gentle buzzing as bees visit May flowers.

21 Rhymes

It's Pet Month. Help your child write a fun poem about his dream pet.

22 Stories

Have your child tell you what made them laugh today.

23 Play

May's full moon is at its peak today. Ask your child if she'd like to go to the moon? Why or why not?

24 Science

It's Scavenger Hunt Day. Print out some pictures of bugs and go outside with your child to look for them.

25 Songs

Have a pretend picnic with your child and keep the ants away by singing *The Ants Go Marching*.

26 Math

Talk (and count) May numbers with your child: May is the fifth month of the year with 31 days, and it's the second month of spring.

27 Writing

While at the beach or in the sand box, have your child trace letters in the sand.

28 Reading

It's Hamburger Day. Follow along to a burger read aloud like *The Dinosaur Who Discovers Hamburgers* by Adison Books

29 Science

It's Alligator Day. Gather some gator facts with your child by reading *All About Alligators* by L.E. Arning.

30 Play

It's beach season! Play ocean animal charades with your child.

31 Sounds

Listen to the sounds of different birds with your child and see if he can describe the different calls or songs.

