

# Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



**1 Reading**  
On New Year's Day, read *How to Party Like a Snail* by Naseem Hrab and help your child have a 'quiet party' of their own.

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

**3 Math**  
Have your child tell you three wishes he has for the new year. Tell him three of yours. How many total wishes is that?

**4 Play**  
Find some colorful socks and put on a puppet show.

**5 Math**  
Use leftover popcorn to do simple addition and subtraction problems.

**6 Songs**  
(Sung to the tune of "Frère Jacques") *Snow is falling (2x), From the sky (2x), Let's go build a snowman (2x), Winter's fun! (2x)*

**7 Play**  
On Bobblehead Day, have a dance party or play a game while bobbing your heads back and forth like the classic toy.

**8 Stories**  
After watching a movie together, have your child tell you in her own words what happened.

**9 Science**  
On Static Electricity Day, have your child rub a balloon on her shirt or hair for 30 seconds, then watch it cling to the wall. Talk about why it sticks.

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

**11 Writing**  
Have your child paint a picture by dipping cotton swabs into paint.

**12 Math**  
Give your child an object that's easy to carry. Go around the house and ask your child 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 Stories**  
Show your child several pictures and have her tell you a story based on what she sees.

**15 Reading**  
Open a book. Ask your child how many words he can pick out on the page.

**16 Math**  
At breakfast, have your child count the number of eggs in the carton.

**17 Play**  
Make a snowman out of cotton balls and glue.

**18 Songs**  
Make up a song about yesterday's cotton ball snowman and sing it to a familiar tune.

**19 Reading**  
Get 26 plastic cups and write one letter on each (A-Z). Line them up and give your child a small ball to kick at them. Ask her what letter(s) she knocked down.

**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 how the sounds are different from other seasons.

**22 Writing**  
During Crayola Creativity Week, create an art station at home where your child can draw a picture of their day each day.

**23 Writing**  
On Handwriting Day, have your child practice printing her name in different colors.

**24 Songs**  
Sing while you do everyday activities like making breakfast or driving to the store.

**25 Play**  
Get silly on Opposite Day! Have dinner for breakfast, say "good morning" at night, and say "hello" when you leave the room.

**26 Sounds**  
Use household items as instruments!

**27 Stories**  
Have your child tell you a story about what his stuffed animals do when they are home alone.

**28 Reading**  
While shopping, read boxes together as you look at different items.

**29 Math**  
Go from room to room counting different objects, such as chairs or books.

**30 Songs**  
Make up a new song about a snowflake and sing it to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot."

**31 Rhymes**  
Write a rhyming poem 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.

