

# 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.

