

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Reading Read <i>Squirrel's New Year's Resolution</i> by Pat Miller together.	2 Science Bundle up and go for a nature walk. How is it different from going for a walk in the summer?	3 Math Go from room to room counting different objects, such as chairs or books.	4 Play Take turns pretending you are different animals and guessing the animals.	5 Songs (Sing to the tune of "Frère Jacques") <i>Snow is falling, snow is falling. From the sky, from the sky. Let's go build a snowman, let's go build a snowman. Winter fun, winter fun.</i>	6 Sounds Have your child find objects around the house that have the same beginning sound as his or her name.	7 Writing Look out the window and draw pictures of what you see.
8 Reading While shopping, read labels together as you look at different items.	9 Rhymes How many words can you and your child think of that rhyme with "new" and "year"?	10 Math While doing laundry, sort the clothes by size and color.	11 Stories Have your child tell you a story about something funny that happened at school or daycare.	12 Play Find some colorful socks and hold a puppet show.	13 Science Check out a nonfiction book about your child's favorite animal. Look at the pictures together and read the captions.	14 Sounds Sit quietly for a few minutes, then talk about the sounds you heard.
15 Songs Sing while you do everyday activities like making breakfast or driving to the store.	16 Writing It's Appreciate a Dragon Day! Get out a variety of crayons or markers and draw the most colorful dragons you can. Then, name your dragons.	17 Math Make a simple recipe together and let your child help measure the ingredients.	18 Reading Read <i>No Two Alike</i> by Keith Baker and talk about how everyone is unique and special—including your child!	19 Play Celebrate Popcorn Day by making popcorn art. Draw flowers, then glue pieces of popped popcorn to the middle of each flower.	20 Math Use leftover popcorn to do simple addition and subtraction problems.	21 Science Put a marshmallow or a piece of chocolate in a dish and put it in the microwave for 10 seconds. Discuss why the texture changed.
22 Math While grocery shopping, count the items you put in your cart.	23 Reading Read <i>One Snowy Night</i> by Nick Butterworth together.	24 Writing Have your child draw a picture of his or her family.	25 Stories Have your child tell you a story about one of his stuffed animals or another toy.	26 Reading Read <i>Penguins, Penguins Everywhere!</i> by Bob Barner together.	27 Science Fill a plastic bottle $\frac{3}{4}$ full with vegetable oil and the rest of the way with water. Add food coloring and a piece of an Alka-Seltzer tablet. Watch what happens!	28 Play Break the winter blues by holding a dance party!
29 Math It's National Puzzle Day. Put one together with your child, then count the pieces.	30 Rhymes Sing songs together that have rhyming verses, such as "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" or "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."	31 Stories After watching a movie together, have your child tell you in her own words what happened in the movie.	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.			

