

# Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>Help your child get ready to learn to read!</b> 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.		<b>1 Sounds</b> March comes in like a lion. Challenge your child to a lion roaring contest and see who can roar louder.	<b>2 Reading</b> Today is National Read Across America Day. Share your favorite children's books and memories of how you came to love reading!	<b>3 Stories</b> It's What if Cats and Dogs Had Opposable Thumbs Day. Help your child create a story about a cat that can drive or a dog that cooks dinner.	<b>4 Play</b> It's National Play Outside Day. Jump in puddles, take a spring nature walk, or just go outside and do something fun together!
	<b>5 Writing</b> Celebrate Your Name Week begins today. Ask your child to write his name as big as he can, then as small as he can.	<b>6 Reading</b> It's National Reading Month. Visit your local library and let your child pick out a book in the children's section.	<b>7 Science</b> March is windy! Look out the window and list all the things the wind moves like leaves, grass, clouds, etc.	<b>8 Math</b> Search for shapes in a room. Together, count the circles, squares, ovals, rectangles, and triangles.	<b>9 Science</b> Explore the science of wind. Challenge your child to see how long she can keep a feather in the air by blowing it.	<b>10 Songs</b> While you prepare meals, make up silly songs about the food with your child.
<b>12 Science</b> It's Plant a Flower Day. Plant a flower together and talk about what helps flowers grow.	<b>13 Stories</b> Read a favorite story and act it out with your child using stuffed animals.	<b>14 Play</b> Today is National Children's Craft Day. Plan a craft project with your child. The possibilities are endless!	<b>15 Math</b> It's Safety Month. Count the stop signs on a short drive with your child.	<b>16 Sounds</b> Saint Patrick's Day is tomorrow! If leprechauns were real, what sounds would they make? Ask your child what he thinks.	<b>17 Writing</b> It's National Preschool Teachers Appreciation Day. Help your child write a note she can give to her teacher.	<b>18 Reading</b> Today is Maple Syrup Saturday. It's the perfect time to read <i>Bear Goes Sugaring</i> by Maxwell Eaton, III.
<b>19 Play</b> It's Let's Laugh Day. Share fun knock-knock jokes or make up your own.	<b>20 Science</b> Spring officially begins today! Talk about the signs of spring like longer days, melting snow, and plants starting to grow.	<b>21 Rhymes</b> Encourage your child to think of words that rhyme with "spring".	<b>22 Math</b> Go outside and search for clovers. Help your child count the leaves and make a wish if he finds a lucky four-leaf clover!	<b>23 Play</b> Go on a rainbow hunt with your child. Look for each color of the rainbow on toys, clothes, food, etc.	<b>24 Songs</b> It's spring and the birds are starting to sing. Listen to the backyard birdsongs with your child and sing along.	<b>25 Stories</b> Have your child tell a story about springtime.
<b>26 Sounds</b> Invite your child to pretend to be a real or imagined bird and make up their own bird calls.	<b>27 Writing</b> Welcome spring by helping your child draw a favorite springtime activity.	<b>28 Reading</b> Today is Children's Picture Book Day. Have your child pick out their favorite picture book to enjoy.	<b>29 Math</b> Instruct your child to sort their toy animals by color. How many green ones can he find?	<b>30 Rhymes</b> Read <i>5 Little Kites</i> with your child and count the number of rhyming words.	<b>31 Sounds</b> March goes out like a lamb. Pretend to be lambs in a field together.	



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*"You, little insignificant caterpillar, can grow up into a beautiful butterfly and fly into the world with your talent."*

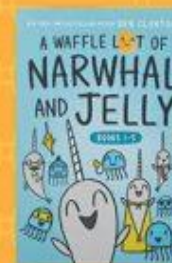
— Eric Carle

Holiday  
Celebration  
Birthday

# March 2023

Children's Activity Calendar

5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Share the video read-aloud of NEA's March Read Across America picture book choice, <i>Dream Street</i> by Tricia Elam Walker, illustrated by Ekua Holmes.	<b>Music in Our Schools Month<sup>®</sup>:</b> Help kids create <b>Tiny Beans</b> homemade instruments and perform a concert at the end of this month.	<b>Holi Ends at Sunset:</b> This Hindu holiday honors the winter crop harvest and advent of spring. Share <i>Festival of Colors</i> by Surishtha Sehgal and Kabir Sehgal, illustrated by Vashti Harrison.	<b>Pig Day:</b> Who is your favorite literary pig? Wilber? Piggie? Have a hog-wild time with streamers, decorations, and music that celebrates all things pig.	<b>Read Across America Day:</b> Pair up with another classroom from a different state and read books highlighting their region of the country and yours.	<b>Ghostwriters Week:</b> Display books that were written by a ghostwriter, such as Carolyn Keene. Help kids write a story in someone else's voice.	<b>Iditarod Day:</b> Read <i>Atkiq</i> by Robert Blake and share more about this iconic race using <b>Brownie Locks</b> .
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Get ready for the Academy Awards by hosting an award show and giving out an Oscar to every child. Finish the event by showing <i>"The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore."</i>	Tomorrow is Pi Day. <b>Pick out a book to read</b> from the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District's list and serve it up with a slice of blueberry crumb or banana cream pie.	<b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>In the Palm of My Hand</i> by debut author Jennifer Raudenbush, illustrated by Isabella Conti.	<b>Proofreading Day:</b> Have kids take lines from their favorite books and add mistakes. Hand those lines to other kids and see if they can find all the mistakes.	<b>Panda Day:</b> Show the Smithsonian National Zoo <b>live panda cam</b> and visit <b>Pandas International</b> for activities and conservation information.	<b>St. Patrick's Day:</b> Read <i>How to Catch a Leprechaun</i> by Adam Wallace and then help kids design and create a trap from <b>Happiness is Homemade</b> .	<b>Youth Art Month:</b> Invite a local artist or book illustrator to show kids how to create something special of their own.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Tomorrow is the first day of Spring. Check out Pinterest for creative spring-themed library or classroom display ideas.	<b>Very Hungry Caterpillar Day:</b> Celebrate with ideas from the <b>digital picnic party kit</b> . Don't forget the swiss cheese and lollipops!	<b>World Down Syndrome Day:</b> Read <i>Up and Adam</i> by Debbie Zapata, inspired by the author's very own son and illustrated by Yong Ling Kang.	<b>Ramadan Begins at Sunset:</b> From this evening through April 21, Muslims around the world will celebrate this holy month of fasting, introspection, and prayer. Read <i>Zahra's Blessing: A Ramadan Story</i> by Sharin Shamsi.	On this day in 1743, George Fredric Handel's oratorio "Messiah" premiered at the Royal Opera House in London. <b>Play this masterpiece</b> throughout the day.	<b>Harry Houdini's Birthday:</b> Born in 1874, Houdini went on to become a world-famous magician and escape artist. Read <i>Houdini and Me</i> by Dan Gutman.	<b>Worldwide Quilting Day:</b> Read <i>The All Together Quilt</i> by Lizzy Rockwell and help kids make their own <b>paper quilt craft</b> from Artists Helping Children.
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>Make Up Your Own Holiday Day:</b> Ask kids to pick a day to celebrate their unique made-up holiday.	<b>Ame Dyckman's Birthday:</b> Host a party with the <i>You Don't Want a Unicorn! Storytime Kit</i> .	<b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>Animals in Surprising Shades: Poems About Earth's Colorful Creatures</i> by Susan Johnston, illustrated by Annie Bakst.	<b>International Mermaid Day:</b> Read your favorite mermaid book and pair it with one of Kids Activities Blog's <b>22 Adorable Mermaid Crafts</b> .	<b>Virtual Vacation Day:</b> Inspire kids to make a presentation to share about a dream vacation destination. Have them add video, audio, and narration as they present.	<b>Crayon Day:</b> Celebrate this colorful day with <b>activity ideas</b> from librarian Shannon McClintock Miller.	



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