

# January 2018

Play, Learn and Grow... Together!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Try a new food today  <i>Library Closed—New Year's Holiday</i>	<b>2</b> Share a story with someone special.  <i>Library Closed—New Year's Holiday</i>	<b>3</b> Find five red objects in your room	<b>4</b> What is the weather like today?	<b>5</b> How long is a minute? Set a timer and see how long you can keep your eyes closed	<b>6</b> Draw a picture using your favorite color
<b>7</b> Talk about the pictures in a book before you read it	<b>8</b> Line up shoes from largest to smallest	<b>9</b> Have a dance party with your toys	<b>10</b> Talk about firefighters. How do they help people?	<b>11</b> Try to make different size circles with your fingers and hands	<b>12</b> Count the number of steps from your bed to the kitchen	<b>13</b> Make up verses to your favorite nursery rhymes
<b>14</b> When sharing a story, use your child's name as the main character	<b>15</b> Check out ABC Mouse for fun learning games at home.  <i>Library Closed— Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday</i>	<b>16</b> Spell different letters in the air with your finger.	<b>17</b> Count from one to ten on your fingers, then one to ten on your child's fingers	<b>18</b> Play a game of Simon Says when cleaning up toys	<b>19</b> Play a game of I Spy during bathtime	<b>20</b> How many shapes can you make using Q-tips?
<b>21</b> Clap to a rhythm, have your child repeat your pattern.	<b>22</b> Move like different animals. Sideways like a crab, hopping like a kangaroo	<b>23</b> What happens when you pour oil and vinegar into a jar?	<b>24</b> Talk about your day. Where are you going? Who will you see?	<b>25</b> Sing a favorite nursery rhyme during breakfast	<b>26</b> What words rhyme with "rain"?	<b>27</b> Practice rolling a ball back and forth. Add challenges as you go.
<b>28</b> Play outside today	<b>29</b> Practice tracing shapes in the air with your finger	<b>30</b> Talk about the days of the week.	<b>31</b> Act out different action words. Jump, clap, spin, etc.			

These fun & simple activities are just one way to help develop your child's pre-reading skills. Pick and choose or try them all!

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