

January 2009 Preschool Fun

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year! Set a goal to work with your child each day this month!	2 Compare a familiar book and the video version. See what's the same and what's different.	3 Do a Sound Sort Gather up 10 or more items on a table. Sort them by beginning sounds.
4 Go on a Paper Hunt Look around the house to find everything made of paper....	5 Retell a Story Choose a favorite book and have your child retell the story in his or her own words.	6 Bean Day Sort, count and classify them. Cook and sample different kinds. Read about growing them.	7 Count! Spend some time counting together today. Do you have more spoons or shoes in the house?	8 Rhyme Mix Up Read favorite rhymes and change one word. See if your child notices.	9 Look for 3's Search the house for 3's...look on the phone, on clothing tags, on food packages.....	10 Make a List! How many farm animals can you and your child name? Now try for five more.
11 Sink and Float Fill a tub or basin and see what sinks and floats. Make a list. Look for patterns.	12 Find A's Where are letter A's hiding at your house? How many can you find?	13 Make Your Dream Come True Day Have a conversation about what each of you want most. How can you do it?	14 Make PlayDough Mix flour, salt, water and food coloring, then mold and squish to your heart's content.	15 Hat Day Read <u>Caps for Sale</u> or <u>the 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins</u> . Wear a great hat.	16 Appreciate a Dragon Day Read a Dear Dragon or other dragon book today.	17 Describe a Picture Find a picture and describe it to each other. Try to introduce new words to your child in your description.
18 Winnie the Pooh Day Read a book about the famous bear and his friends.	19 National Popcorn Day Try making flavored popcorn with different toppings.	20 Make Cookies! Whatever kind of cookies you want, but involve your child in the cooking.	21 Read a Poem Enjoy the rhythm and rhyme. Find one you like to memorize.	22 Make a List! Name as many desserts as you can. Now think of five more!	23 National Pie Day Try a new pie recipe together today.	24 National Compliment Day Tell your child what you like about him or her today.
25 Tell a Joke Teach your child a new knock-knock joke or a riddle.	26 Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day Popping bubble wrap is great for fine motor strength and dexterity.	27 Build a Block City Be creative! No blocks? Try using butter tubs and boxes.	28 Clash Day Put together the UGLIEST outfit you can find today. Talk about colors that go together.	29 Do a Scent Guess Take four to six fragrant foods (like vinegar, cinnamon, etc.) and put them in bowls. Blindfold your child and have him or her guess what the smell is.	30 Escape Day Plan a field trip to escape your usual routine. Try a park, museum or store.	31 Match Socks Mix up several pairs of socks and have your child put the pairs back together.

