

January 2009 Preschool Fun

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| | | | | 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. |

