

# Family Literacy Week

## January 21 to January 28

- Use these age appropriate ideas to celebrate family literacy at home every day this week.
- Go to your local public library to borrow books and use the computers.
- Find out what your neighbourhood school is doing to celebrate Family Literacy Week
- Check local newspapers and radio stations for details about great **Family Literacy Day** events in your area.



Age	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday, January 27 Family Literacy Day	Weekend
0-3 years	<p><b>My Story</b></p> <p>Use family photos or magazine pictures to make a book to share with your children.</p> <p>Give the book a title.</p> <p>Read the book together.</p>	<p><b>Puppet Pal</b></p> <p>Make a simple puppet out of a sock or a wooden spoon.</p> <p>Using the puppet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• talk to your baby</li> <li>• do different voices</li> <li>• tell nursery rhymes.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Goop</b></p> <p>Mix cornstarch with water to the consistency of liquid honey; let your children enjoy the texture by squeezing it through their fingers.</p> <p>Encourage your child to help with dressing by zippering or buttoning.</p>	<p><b>Book Look</b></p> <p>Visit the children’s section of the public library to read, sing, draw and play with your child.</p> <p>Get a library card for your child and borrow a book to take home.</p>	<p><b>Moo Baa Fun</b></p> <p>Encourage your children to sing along to “Old Macdonald” or other favourite animal songs. Join in making the animal sounds.</p> <p>Borrow animal board books from your local library.</p>	<p><b>Clap, Snap, Tap</b></p> <p>Dance to loud and soft music adding noisy or quiet movements and voices to match the music.</p> <p>Together with your child clap, snap or tap the words to your child’s favourite song or nursery rhyme as you chant it.</p>
4-6 years	<p><b>Write On</b></p> <p>Have fun using different writing tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sticks in snow</li> <li>• flashlight on wall</li> <li>• popsicle sticks on foil.</li> </ul> <p>Make shapes, letters or words with a highlighter, for your child to trace over with a pencil.</p>	<p><b>Time to Talk</b></p> <p>Encourage your child to use a picture book to tell a story in their own words.</p> <p>Play “I Spy” (e.g. find things that begin or end with the same sound like “<u>k</u>ite” and “<u>c</u>up”; “<u>f</u>an” and “<u>s</u>poon”).</p>	<p><b>Alpha-Dough</b></p> <p>Make or buy playdough.</p> <p>Draw big letters of your child’s name on a piece of paper.</p> <p>With your child, roll the playdough and place it on the letters.</p>	<p><b>Title Tally</b></p> <p>Draw attention to the authors and titles of various children’s books.</p> <p>Count the number of words in each title. Clap your hands for each word in the title.</p>	<p><b>It’s In The Bag</b></p> <p>Place several small toys in a paper bag. Start telling a simple story. Take turns with your children to choose a toy from the bag and include it in the story. Continue until all the toys have been used.</p>	<p><b>Acting Out</b></p> <p>Choose a favourite book, song or rhyme; help your children to find props, toys or costumes.</p> <p>As you read or sing, have your child act out the story.</p> <p>Consider looking for new plays at your local library.</p>



We make every effort to provide age-appropriate suggestions for learning.  
It is the parents’ responsibility to choose activities that are suitable for their children.

