

Family Literacy Week

January 22 to January 27

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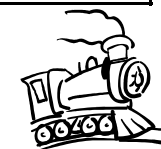


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0-3 years	<p>Artsy Antics</p> <p>Give your child finger paints and newspaper or wrapping paper to paint on.</p> <p>Mix hot water with a box of Jell-O crystals until it is like finger paint.</p> <p>Try out chunky crayons.</p>	<p>Puppet Pal</p> <p>Make a simple puppet out of a sock or a wooden spoon.</p> <p>Using the puppet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your baby • Do different voices • Tell as many nursery rhymes as you can. 	<p>Say Cheese</p> <p>To develop hand muscle coordination, let your children brush their teeth after you.</p> <p>Sing 'Brush Your Teeth'. To hear this tune go to; www.songsforteaching.com/folk/brushyourteethchant.htm</p>	<p>Book Look</p> <p>Parents and children visit the children's section of the public library to read, sing, draw and play together.</p> <p>Get a library card for your baby and borrow a book to take home.</p>	<p>Chant "Sh, Sh, Sh"</p> <p>Out come the stars Sh sh sh Bright shines the moon Sh sh sh Sweet sings nightbird Sh sh sh</p> <p>"Go to bed Sleepyhead," Sandman said. "Sh sh sh."</p> <p><small>From: <i>All Together Now</i> by Sonia Dunn, with permission. ©1999 Pembroke Publishers</small></p>	<p>Clap, Snap, Tap</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>Etch 'n Sketch</p> <p>Fit black construction paper in the bottom of a shallow box. Cover the black paper with a layer of salt. Show your child how to use a finger to draw the letters of a favourite name.</p>	<p>Sound Detective</p> <p>Make sounds behind a door such as a spoon in a cup, a key in the lock, a fridge door closing and so on. Have your child guess what the sounds are.</p> <p>Remember - no peeking!</p>	<p>Alpha-Dough</p> <p>Make or buy playdough. Draw your child's name in big letters on a piece of paper. With your child, roll the playdough and place it on the letters.</p>	<p>Title Tally</p> <p>Draw your child's attention to the authors and titles of various children's books. Count the number of words in each title. Clap your hands for each word in the title.</p>	<p>It's In The Bag</p> <p>Place several small toys in a paper bag. Start telling a simple story. Take turns with your children choosing a toy from the bag, and include it in the story. Continue until all the toys have been used.</p>	<p>All Aboard</p> <p>Create a story train by attaching laundry baskets together with string or yarn. Pull your child and some favourite toys in the "train" to "story land", where you and your child can share books with the passengers from "toy land".</p>



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7-9 years	<p>Comic Relief</p> <p>Make a cootie catcher on a theme of your choice, such as your favourite sport, song or book.</p> <p>Make your own rebus or code book. A rebus book combines word and picture clues. Visit your local library for ideas.</p>	<p>A Secret Story</p> <p>Ask someone in your family to tell: a story about when they were young, a school tale, a sports event, or a travel adventure.</p>	<p>Blind as a Bat</p> <p>Without lifting pencil from paper, draw a picture of a face, a bat, a birthday cake and so on, while blindfolded.</p> <p>Play board games together, such as Yahtzee, Rummoli or Monopoly.</p>	<p>Licence Plate Reading</p> <p>While out in the car with your child, look for familiar letters, letter and number combinations or words on licence plates.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">4FAMLIT</div>	<p>As Luck Would Have It</p> <p>Tell a story by switching storytellers with each new sentence or thought. Storytellers begin their ideas with either, “Fortunately...” or “Unfortunately...” until the story comes to a fortunate or unfortunate end.</p>	<p>Architectural I Spy</p> <p>With all the family, go for a neighbourhood walk. Look for shapes or structures that look like a letter. Together, see if you can find the whole alphabet!</p>
10-13 years	<p>Bloggers!</p> <p>As a family, make a family blog. Invite relatives & friends to join.</p> <p>Visit your local library to get on-line.</p> <p>Family blog sites: www.famoodle.com www.imbee.com</p>	<p>Mum and Dad Don't Like Your Music?</p> <p>Write your own review of your favourite song to change their minds.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p>Super, Man!!</p> <p>Make your own graphic novel or comic.</p> <p>Plan and cook a favourite family recipe together.</p>	<p>Heuristic Hunt</p> <p>Pick out a word together from the dictionary and use it throughout the day. Write a story together using the word.</p> <p>Look for words that have several meanings, such as “What does a cook cook?” or “Does pop pop?”</p>	<p>Rap On!</p> <p>Create a literacy rap and share it with your family at dinner. Ask a family member to contribute a word or their name and make it into a rap song.</p> <p>For more ideas, check out: www.songsforteaching.com/chantsraps.htm</p>	<p>Rap It Up</p> <p>Choreograph a dance to match the rap song you wrote on Friday or to match your favourite rap song.</p> <p>Play charades!</p>



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