



Celebrate Family Literacy Week - January 21 to January 29, 2012

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th and is sponsored by ABC Life Literacy Canada. This event encourages parents, caregivers and families with their children to participate in literacy activities in a fun and enjoyable way. Celebrate Family Literacy week with your children every day with this age appropriate activity calendar.

Age	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Birth to 3 years	<p>Making Stories Use family photos to make a book to share with your child. Give the book a title and read the book together.</p>	<p>Puppet Fun Make a puppet using a sock or a wooden spoon. Use the puppet to talk to your baby, tell nursery rhymes and sing songs.</p>	<p>Play dough Play Make homemade play dough. Join with your child in making shapes, building their name, squeezing and molding the dough. www.playdoughrecipe.com</p>	<p>Book Look Visit your library's children's section to read, borrow books, sing and play with your child.</p>	<p>Sing to the Moosic! Sing "Old MacDonald" or other favourite animal songs with your child. Encourage your child to make the animal sounds.</p>	<p>We Got the Beat! Clap, snap or tap together the words to your child's favourite songs or nursery rhymes using containers, wooden spoons and your hands.</p>
4 to 6 years	<p>Write On Have fun using different writing tools to make their name (ie: sticks in snow, flashlight on a wall, popsicle sticks on foil, coloured chalk on black paper).</p>	<p>Time to Talk Play "I Spy". Find things that begin or end with the same sound (ie: <u>k</u>ite and <u>c</u>up; <u>f</u>an and <u>s</u>poon). Learn rhyming by finding things that sound the same (ie: hat and mat).</p>	<p>Name that Dough Using homemade play dough, join with your child in building names of their family members. Write the names large, on a piece of paper to place the dough letters on to match.</p>	<p>Amazing Author Make a homemade book using paper and binding it together with string or staples. Join with your child in their story creation with pictures and assist with word spelling.</p>	<p>Silly Storytelling Place several small toys in a bag. Begin creating a story with "Once upon a time there was a..." and take turns pulling a toy from the bag to include it in the story.</p>	<p>Home Theatre Choose a favourite story to play out using homemade masks made from paper, markers and string. Invite others to watch. (ie: "The Three Little Pigs").</p>

 Check your local library, newspapers, schools and radio stations for Family Literacy Day events in your area.

 Visit www.abclifeliteracycanada to get more ideas on how to celebrate literacy with your family.

For more information on promoting early literacy development, contact the Early Literacy Specialist at 1-866-433-8933 Ext. 2376.