

Family Literacy Week

January 23 to January 30, 2010

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0-3 Years	<p>Moo Baa Fun</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>Goop</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 zipping or buttoning.</p>	<p>Neighbourly Fun Time</p> <p>Parents and babies get together at one home to read, sing and play together.</p> <p>Bring potluck snacks for fun.</p> <p>Share three books today.</p>	<p>Sign of the Times</p> <p>When you are out and about, look for, point out and chat about familiar signs.</p> <p>Find three new signs in your neighbourhood.</p>	<p>My Story</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>Clap & Stomp Romp</p> <p>Act out songs and nursery rhymes together.</p> <p>Pause to let your children fill in the rhyming words.</p> <p>Clap or stomp to the beat.</p>
4-6 Years	<p>Rhyme Time</p> <p>Have your children cover their eyes. Make a familiar sound and ask your children to guess what it is.</p> <p>Choose and enjoy a familiar rhyme.</p> <p>Slowly clap the word segments or syllables as you recite the rhyme.</p>	<p>Write On</p> <p>Have fun using different writing tool: sticks in snow flashlight on wall popsicle sticks on foil soap writing in the tub.</p> <p>Make shapes, letters or words with a highlighter, for your child to trace over with a pencil.</p>	<p>Family Reading Night</p> <p>Turn off the TV, video games and computer.</p> <p>Share a different type of book with the family (e.g. poetry, science, fact).</p> <p>Everyone read alone for a while and then share what was read.</p>	<p>Time to Talk</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>Flyer Fun</p> <p>Read grocery flyers together. Discuss likes and dislikes. Rip or cut out pictures.</p> <p>Sort pictures by colour and food groups.</p> <p>Make a grocery list with cutouts.</p>	<p>Acting Out</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>



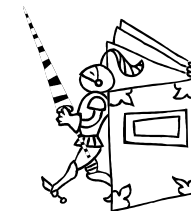
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7-9 Years	<p>TV Together</p> <p>Watch a TV show with your children. Discuss what they like and do not like.</p> <p>Talk about new ideas and words from the TV show. Identify other similar or different programs.</p>	<p>Secret Message</p> <p>Encourage your child to write a message to a family member. Show them how to keep their identities a secret by cutting words from magazines and newspapers and pasting them on a sheet of paper.</p>	<p>Wheel of Fortune</p> <p>Choose an interesting word. Let your children take turns picking letters to guess the secret word.</p> <p>For a change, read poetry, stories, jokes, riddles or magazine articles with your children.</p>	<p>Rock On</p> <p>Make up new words to a familiar tune with your children.</p> <p>Using imaginary microphones, perform the new song for others.</p> <p>Create stage names and biographies to introduce your group.</p>	<p>Family Literacy Week</p> <p>See how many words your children can make using the letters from the phrase "Family Literacy Week".</p> 	<p>Captain Compass</p> <p>Ask your children to name a familiar place and give or draw directions to get there.</p> <p>Plan a trip to the familiar place and use the directions. If the directions aren't accurate, ask your children questions to get back on track!</p>
10-13 Years	<p>Media Literacy</p> <p>Ask your child to show you their favourite YouTube clip.</p> <p>Discuss your children's and your personal reactions and emotions that these clips produce.</p>	<p>Word of the Day</p> <p>With your children, look in magazines and newspapers to find an interesting or unusual word such as egregious or ossify. Cut it out.</p> <p>Together, look up the meaning of the word in a dictionary or on-line.</p> <p>To build vocabulary, try to find new words each day.</p>	<p>Movie Critic</p> <p>Have your children review and imitate styles of movie critics.</p> <p>Ask them to give it a thumbs up/down or a star rating and explain why.</p>	<p>Table Talk</p> <p>Encourage your children to talk about their day. Share your day too. Ask specific follow-up questions. Be a patient listener.</p> <p>Use dinner time as an opportunity to discuss relevant events and ask for your children's opinions.</p>	<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>Write On</p> <p>Visit a book store with your children to find their favourite of the latest best sellers.</p> <p>Have everyone in the family choose their top story in Saturday's newspaper.</p> <p>Play a board game together.</p>

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Computer literacy is an important skill for children to achieve. Make sure your children learn how to navigate the net safely.