



# December 2016 Literacy Activity Calendar



Early Literacy is everything a child knows BEFORE they know how to read and write!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Ontario Early Years Centres A Place for Parents And Their Children.</p>  <p>Centres de la Petite enfance Un endroit pour les parents et leurs enfants.</p>	<p>Check out these Usborne touchy-feely books! These are perfect for curious busy toddlers learning new words!</p>		<p>1 Ask about holiday activities at the Early Years Centre and the Library!</p>	<p>2 Let me help you write our Christmas cards. I can print the X's and O's.</p>	<p>3 Let's play a game of <b>hide and seek</b>. Give me clues and enough time to count out loud.</p>
<p>4 Three books a day adds up to about 1000 stories in a year! Let's snuggle up and read tonight.</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6 Let's bake and decorate cookies today. Give me clear instructions and plenty of praise!</p>	<p>7 Help me trace my hand on green paper then cut lots of hands for a wreath!</p> 	<p>8 At dinner time, ask me about my day. Give me time to tell you about my favourite parts!</p>	<p>9 Talk to me about what will happen over the next few days. Holidays can mix up my routines!</p>	<p>10</p> 
<p>11 We should go outside and make foot prints and snow angels in the snow. Which is bigger?</p>	<p>12 Go for a hike in the woods! Take photos to make a memory book!</p>	<p>13 Let's make a playdough snowman! For recipes go to <a href="http://playdoughrecipe.ca">playdoughrecipe.ca</a></p>	<p>14 When reading to your baby, listen and repeat the sounds he makes.</p>	<p>15 Hold your baby in your lap when reading to her. She loves being close and hearing your voice.</p>	<p>16 Let's create!</p> 	<p>17 Let's make paper chains using coloured strips of paper. Do you see a pattern?</p>
<p>18 If we travel today, take along some books and a cookie sheet with magnetic letters.</p>	<p>19 Check out the free skating at our local arena. Look for a schedule or ask at Tim Horton's.</p>	<p>20 Check out: <a href="http://www.elfyourself.com">www.elfyourself.com</a></p>	<p>21 It's the first day of winter! Read <b>Skip Through the Seasons</b>.</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23 Let's start a new tradition! Read aloud from the book <b>'Twas the Night Before Christmas</b>.</p>	<p>24</p> 
<p>25 Consider the gift of literacy this year!</p>	<p>26 Let's talk about our goals for the new year! Help me write a list.</p>	<p>27 Look up at the sky! Talk about the colour and shapes of the clouds. Draw chalk clouds on paper.</p>	<p>28 Let's play a game together! How about I Spy, Scrabble, or Boggle?</p>	<p>29 A fun way to practice my letters is to write them in the snow with a stick!</p>	<p>30 Ask me about the weather outside then help me learn some new words. (damp, frosty, crisp)</p>	<p>31 Talk about all the things we learned in 2014, and what we can do together in the new year!</p>

## The Gift of Literacy!

Gift the gift of a good book, donate gently used books to community programs, or new books to the Books for Children Program through the Salvation Army! What a great way to share your favourite stories with other families!

For more information about early literacy activities, please contact the Early Literacy Specialist at 519-539-4419 or visit [www.oxfordccc.ca/oey/early-literacy/](http://www.oxfordccc.ca/oey/early-literacy/)