

# Learning To Love Literacy



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Check out the great resources for  
parents and sign up for free  
monthly parent tip sheets:

[www.readyatfive.org](http://www.readyatfive.org)

A Family Newsletter  
February 2012




- ♥ Count candy hearts.
- ♥ Read aloud your child's valentine cards.
- ♥ Make heart shaped sandwiches using a cookie cutter.
- ♥ Search the web for an easy cookie recipe, read it aloud and make heart shaped cookies.
- ♥ Create homemade Valentine cards. Help your child cut, draw and print his/her name to tell.
- ♥ Write love letters to relatives & friends.
- ♥ Draw half a heart on folded paper and help your child cut it out and open it up to see a heart. Decorate by drawing or gluing on old cards.
- ♥ Make homemade red & white play dough and use heart shaped cookie cutters, scissors, plastic knives, rolling pins and popsicle sticks.

**Worth repeating**

Parent participation in early childhood education and care settings not only improves children's development (Greenspan

& Shanker, 2004; Mustard, 2006), but also strengthens families and parenting skills through connecting and sharing with other families. (Gordon, 2005; Wilson, 2006)

**Did you know?**

I will be visiting  playgroups in Prince Edward County in February. Drop in for a literacy chat, listen to a story and pick up great resources.



- 2nd -CML Snider
- 6th -OEYC
- 7th -Kente
- 8th -Picton Library
- 13th -Pinecrest
- 17th -ROC
- 21st -Sophiasburg
- 22nd -Athol-South Marysburg
- 27th -The Manor

Details/information can be found at [www.pechildcareservices.ca](http://www.pechildcareservices.ca)

You and your child are invited to a  
**Childhood Screening & Information Fair!**



**Accessing & Building Connections**

...for families with INFANTS, TODDLERS & PRESCHOOLERS

**Saturday February 25, 2012**  
**9 am to 12 pm**  
**Family Space/OEYC**  
**301 MacDonald Ave., Belleville**

Bring your child (birth to six years) for a **FREE** check-up of their eyes, ears, teeth, and speech-language.

Visit our **Mason's Ch.I.P. Child Safety Identification Clinic!**

Chat with trusted professionals about your child's healthy development.

**Door prizes and refreshments!**  
**Information: 613-966-9427 x270**

**Save the date! ABC Fair-Picton Saturday March 31st @ PECCS**

**Fabulous 5 of Book Reading**

**SMART**

**Share a book everyday.**

**Make it fun:** don't expect your child to finish the book if they don't want to.

**Ask questions:** make connections to your child's life throughout the story.

**Track the words** with your finger so they see where you are reading.

**Re-read the same books** over and over to help your child learn new words.

**Fabulous 5 of Learning to Read for preschoolers**

- C** **Clap** out words into parts (ba-na-na).
- L** **Learn** letter names and their sounds.
- E** **Expand** vocabulary by introducing a wide variety of new words (tired=exhausted).
- A** **Attempt** to write, even if it's scribbling.
- R** **Retell** events and stories in an order that makes sense.