
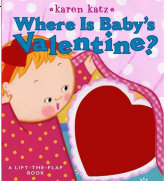
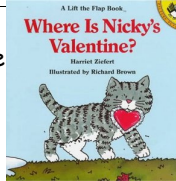
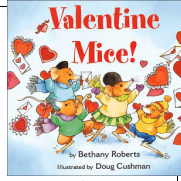










Playing & Learning Together February 2012



LET'S TALK LITERACY! Contact Donna Kaye, Early Literacy Specialist 613-966-9427 x 270 dkaye@familyspace.ca

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Help your child get ready to read. Six Pre-Reading Skills children start learning from birth...</p>	<p>Narrative Skills- Ask your child to describe things and events. Tell/Listen to made-up stories.</p>	<p>Print Motivation- Help your child become interested in books, and model how to enjoy books.</p>	<p>1 Vocabulary- Talk to your child. Use interesting words and explain what they mean.</p>	<p>2 Phonological Awareness- Help them to hear the smaller sounds in words. Say rhymes.</p>	<p>3 Print Awareness- Help them to notice print. Show how to follow words on the page with a finger.</p>	<p>4 Letter Knowledge- Look at letters all around you, play "I Spy"! Talk about the shapes and sounds.</p>
<p>5 Tell your favourite knock-knock jokes!</p> 	<p>6 Read in your first language that is most comfortable for you. Read as often as possible!</p>	<p>7 Share this book with a Baby!</p> 	<p>8 Share this book with a Toddler!</p> 	<p>9 Share this book with a Preschooler!</p> 	<p>10 Tell your child you LOVE them!</p> 	<p>11 Invite a friend over to play today. Pretend play helps build confidence and develops vocabulary.</p>
<p>12 Keep a bag of books in the car so you have them with you all the time.</p>	<p>13 Fold paper in half and draw half a heart then help your child practice cutting skills.</p> 	<p>14 Happy Valentine's Day!</p> 	<p>15 Singing builds literacy skills. Ask your child about their favourite songs.</p> 	<p>16 Measure the height of all family members. Who is taller/shorter? Make a list, write it down!</p>	<p>17 When your child mispronounces a word or uses incorrect grammar, respond by repeating the word or phrase correctly.</p>	<p>18 Visit the library for a story or two!</p> 
<p>19 Check out the local sledding hills. Estimate (guess) how long it will take to get up/down the hill.</p>	<p>20 FAMILY DAY... go play all day!</p> 	<p>21 Children learn speech and language from listening to others. The first few years are critical for development.</p>	<p>22 Visit your local Early Years Centre</p> 	<p>23 When playing with your baby or toddler, use fun words and fun sounds to catch their attention- wheee, pop, splash!</p>	<p>24 Make a tickle trunk! Visit 2nd hand shops for fun dress-up clothes, & jewelry. Take photos, and write captions.</p>	<p>25 Make puppets using paper plates, odd socks, wool, fabric, paper bags, popsicle sticks etc.</p>
<p>26 Each hour of TV watched daily between ages 0-7 yrs. equates to a 10% chance of attention problems by age 7. Turn TV off!</p>	<p>27 Pediatricians recommend no TV or computer for children under 2 years.</p> 	<p>28 Look for triangles today. Find as many as you can. Draw a picture of one thing you found.</p>	<p>29 Make frozen Yogurt-sicles: Mix 2 cups of yogurt with 1 cup of chopped fruit. Pour into moulds and freeze.</p>	<p>Turn down the lights and relax to the tranquil melodies of beautiful lullabies and soothing songs from Africa, Europe, North and South America and Asia. For more great kid's CDs check out: www.putumayo.com/kids/</p> 