

# December 2023

## Early Literacy Calendar

*This Month's*  
Early Literacy Specialist  
Visits at EarlyON sites:

**Stayner—236 Huron St.**  
Tuesday December 5, 2023  
9:30am Stay, Play & Learn

**Orillia—St Bernards  
255 Oxford St.**  
Thursday December 7, 2023  
9:00am Stay, Play & Learn








**Bradford—118 Barrie St.**  
Thursday December 7, 2023  
1:30pm Stay, Play & Learn

**Beeton—DA Jones Library  
42 Main St W**  
Monday December 11, 2023  
9:30am Stay, Play & Learn

**Barrie —129 Ferris Lane**  
Tuesday December 12, 2023  
9:00am Stay, Play & Learn



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Early Literacy Specialist  
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p><b>1</b> Water Play Day! Buckets, cups, Tupperware and more. Fill with water and let me explore.</p>	<p><b>2</b> As my speech develops I am learning so many new words. Let's walk around the house together, and you label everything we see that is green.</p>
	<p><b>3</b> Play 'Name that Feeling' by making faces at each other and guessing the emotion. This will help me <b>learn about feelings.</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> Let's write a letter to our family. We can trace my arms to send a hug!</p> 	<p><b>5</b> Take 5 minutes to look at the sky with me today. We can find shapes, faces, maybe even letters.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Tell me a joke today. I love laughing with you.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Hanukkah begins at nightfall today and is celebrated for eight days.</p> 	<p><b>8</b> Tell me an "I remember when..." story. I love hearing about things I have done.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Teach me about taking <b>deep, calming breaths.</b> I can pretend to blow out candles by using my fingers. Try to blow out all five candles in one long, slow breath.</p>
	<p><b>10</b> Warm &amp; engaging relationships, not things, build healthy brains!</p>	<p><b>11</b> Can we visit EarlyON today?</p> 	<p><b>12</b> Can I help plan and make dinner today? <b>Providing choices</b> helps me build my decision making.</p>	<p><b>13</b> Teach me your favourite childhood nursery rhyme today. Tell me what you liked about it.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Did you know that children's books have 50% more rare/unique words than the conversation of two university graduates?</p>	<p><b>15 Family Game Night</b></p> 	<p><b>16</b> The nine day festival of Las Posadas starts today. Can you google Las Posadas and tell me about it?</p>
	<p><b>17</b> Tell me something that I have done well today. <b>Meaningful praise</b> helps me recognize my strengths.</p>	<p><b>18 Strive for Five</b> turns in a conversation with me back and forth about the SAME TOPIC.</p>	<p><b>19</b> This holiday season let's find one thing we can do to <b>help our community.</b> We can pick up garbage, help a charity or hold a door for someone.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Can we listen to a holiday song from our culture or family tradition? Tell me about it. I want to learn about who we are.</p>	<p><b>21 Winter Solstice</b> celebrates the shortest day of the year. Let's play with our shadows. Can we make shadow puppets with our hand?</p>	<p><b>22</b> Can we head to bed 10 min early and read an extra story? It will be dark early tonight.</p> 	<p><b>23</b> Place pillows around the floor like stepping stones and help me 'jump' from pillow to pillow. Say 'jump' right before you help me jump.</p>
	<p><b>24</b> Disconnect to connect. Let's limit screen time today and spend time with family and friends.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> 	<p><b>26</b></p> 	<p><b>27</b> Red Light, Green Light is a game that teaches me the concept of stopping and waiting. Let's play today.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Holidays are fun and busy! Let's find time to go a walk today. I need to move my body to be <b>calm, alert and ready.</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> Let's play with cardboard boxes today. I might bang them like drums, build a fort or make a robot. Let's see what I do, <b>follow my lead.</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> Take some time for yourself today. "The time to relax is when you don't have time for it." Sydney J. Harris</p>