

Tip of the Month:

Early Screening Matters!

Early Screening Matters is a developmental screening initiative for infants, toddlers and preschoolers in Simcoe County.

Early Screening Matters encourages regular conversations about your child's development with our EarlyON Child & Family Centre Program Facilitators.

We urge you to keep track of your child's milestones right from infancy. Milestones are things most children can do by a certain age. Regular screening helps you see if your child's development is on track.

Free services are available to support you with your child's development. Screening can help identify services that may be helpful. The earlier we work together the better.

For more information about milestones and services available in your community, please ask, or visit:

www.earlyintervention.simcoe.ca



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 I am capable of SO much! I am competent, capable, curious and rich in potential!</p>	<p>2 How many types of transportation have you used? Choose one to read about today!</p>	<p>3 Let's turn off the radio in the car today, and sing together!</p>	<p>4 Make your voice go high, low, fast, slow, loud, and quiet while reading with me tonight. Explain the meanings of any words that may be new to me.</p>	<p>5 Let's make a dry sensory bin at home with rice or beans!</p>	<p>6 Help me be responsible for washing my own hands. Get me a stool & sing: "This is the way we wash our hands..."</p>	<p>7 Let's have a Family Game Night! I love "Go Fish"! And Memory! And Simon Says.</p>
	<p>8 Help me make a necklace with Cheerios or use coloured cereal to make a pattern.</p>	<p>9 Sing COUNTING songs today! 5 Little Ducks, The Ants go Marching, 5 Little Monkeys, etc...</p>	<p>10 COMFORT ME when I feel sad, angry or afraid. Sing, talk, play, & read with me! These things are the GOLD of a happy & secure relationship at the end of the rainbow.</p>	<p>11 Play some of your favourite music and DANCE with me today!</p>	<p>12 Let's find all of the balls in our house and take them outside to kick and throw around in the snow.</p>	<p>13 Put a keychain on my coat zipper to make it easier for me to grasp. Help me do something BY MYSELF today!</p>	<p>14 Let's visit the Library today!</p>
	<p>15 Make a bird feeder using lard and birdseed, on a pinecone or stick. Talk to me about different kinds of birds, & anything you know about birds. Look up & listen to birds online!</p>	<p>16 Print my name on something that I have made. Say the sounds as you print. Print whatever I say after I draw a picture.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Happy St Patrick's Day!</p>	<p>18 Make rhymes with the names of people in our family. (Ex: Shelley-Belly! Daddy-Paddy!) Or sing a song using the same first sound for each word.</p>	<p>19 Follow my Lead! Pay attention to what I am doing and JOIN IN the play with me. Resist just watching me play, or taking over. Let ME decide what to do with the toy/activity</p>	<p>20 Sing COUNTING songs today! 5 Little Ducks, The Ants go Marching, 5 Little Monkeys, etc...</p>	<p>21 COMFORT ME when I feel sad, angry or afraid. Sing, talk, play, & read with me! These things are the GOLD of a happy & secure relationship at the end of the rainbow.</p>
	<p>22 I need help learning to share sometimes. Help me practice taking turns.</p>	<p>23 Help me learn how SOUNDS can be printed. Draw a picture & print the letter of the first SOUND in the picture. Show me how TWO letters can make ONE sound (e.g., sh, th, ch)</p>	<p>24 Let's visit an EarlyON Child & Family Centre today!</p>	<p>25 Play: "One of these things is not like the other..." and add a little toy or pencil to the dinner table. Let me help set the table.</p>	<p>26 Did you know that when we SING, it boosts your immune system, releases pain-relieving endorphins, and lifts your mood?</p>	<p>27 WONDER about the sounds that different animals really make. Then look up the answers on YouTube!</p>	<p>28 Follow my Lead! Pay attention to what I am doing and JOIN IN the play with me. Resist just watching me play, or taking over. Let ME decide what to do with the toy/activity.</p>
	<p>29 Play Simon Says with me in the bath! Or, help me learn names of my body parts. Let me use the washcloth! I am capable!</p>	<p>30 Ask me what I SEE when reading! Ask me what I THINK about that. And ask me what I WONDER about!</p>	<p>31 What was your favourite book you've read together this month?</p>				