

# February 2024

## Early Literacy Calendar

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

**Creemore—10 Caroline St E**  
Wed February 7, 2024  
9:30am Stay, Play & Learn

**Barrie —129 Ferris Lane**  
Tuesday February 13, 2024  
9:00am Stay, Play & Learn

**Jarratt Hall**  
837 Horseshoe Valley Rd  
Wed February 14, 2024  
9:00am Stay, Play & Learn

**Barrie —Inniswood**  
Thursday February 15, 2024  
9:30am Stay, Play & Learn

**Collingwood—250A Peel St**  
Tuesday February 20, 2024  
9:00am Stay, Play & Learn

**Tottenham—139 Queen St N**  
Wednesday February 21, 2024  
9:30am Stay, Play & Learn







**Tottenham—139 Queen St N**  
Wednesday February 21, 2024  
1:30pm Baby & Me

**Alliston—13 Wellington St**  
Tuesday February 27, 2024  
9:00am Stay, Play & Learn

**Alliston—13 Wellington St**  
Tuesday February 27, 2024  
1:00pm Stay, Play & Learn



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Early Literacy Specialist  
Simcoe County  
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Child & Family Centres

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<p><b>1</b> Can we go to the library today? Let's find books that we can read together this month.</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Family Game Night</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> Can I choose my snack today? <b>Providing choices</b> helps me build my decision making.</p>
<p><b>4</b> <b>Strive for Five</b> turns in a conversation with me back and forth about the SAME TOPIC.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Tell me a joke! I love laughing with you.</p> 	<p><b>6</b> Teach me about taking <b>deep, calming breaths</b>. Snake breathing—Inhale slowly through the nose and breathe out through the mouth with a long, slow hissing sound.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Do we have leftover cooked spaghetti, rice or something similar I can play with? <b>Messy play</b> fosters curiosity, imagination and exploration.</p>	<p><b>8</b> As my speech develops I am learning so many new words. Let's go for a walk. Can you <b>label</b> everything we see that is blue?</p>	<p><b>9</b> Tell me the story of how I joined our family. My birth or adoption story gives me a sense of belonging and reminds me that I am special.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Can we find animal tracks in the snow outside? Let's follow the trail. Let me imagine which animal they belong to.</p>	
<p><b>11</b> "Self-care is turning some of the nurturing energy you give to your child, towards yourself." Kristi Yeh Remember to take a break!</p>	<p><b>12</b> Can we go outside today? I need to move my body to be <b>calm, alert and ready to learn</b>.</p>	<p><b>13</b> Can I help with the make dinner today? I learn about <b>responsibility</b> when we work on a task together.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> 	<p><b>15</b> Can we visit EarlyON today?</p> 	<p><b>16</b> Let's sing If You're Happy and Your Know It. Lots of verses will help me <b>learn about feelings</b>. "If you're sad and you know it get a hug."</p>	<p><b>17</b> Get the sheets and pillows, it's the perfect day to build a fort.</p> 	
<p><b>18</b> Allow me to explore a variety of craft materials. Try not to instruct me, let me to enjoy the process.</p>	<p><b>FAMILY DAY</b></p>  <p>Take time to cuddle up and read.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Yes Day! Try saying 'yes' to my requests today (within reason). Let's see what I do, <b>follow my lead</b>.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Provide me with the opportunity to sort today. I can match socks, group my toys by size or sort my craft supplies by colour.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Catch me doing something good today. Tell me what I have done well. <b>Meaningful praise</b> helps me recognize my strengths.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Sink or Float? Can we bring toys, containers, and other things in the bath today? Let me guess if items will sink or float.</p>	<p><b>24</b> Be sure to include <b>15 minutes of read aloud time</b> into your daily schedule. It doesn't have to be at one time. Three times a day for 5 minutes supports development.</p>	
<p><b>25</b> Can we take an hour off screens and play together?</p>	<p><b>26</b> Let's learn a new nursery rhyme or song together. "Hey Alexa/Siri... teach me a nursery rhyme."</p>	<p><b>27</b> Warm &amp; engaging relationships, not things, build healthy brains!</p>	<p><b>28</b> Show your support for <b>Pink Shirt Day</b>.</p> 	<p><b>29</b> What is a Leap Year? Explain it to me. I enjoy learning new things, especially from you.</p>			