

This Month's
Early Literacy Message:

Read Everyday!

More than one in three children begin Kindergarten without having experiences that develop their skills to be strong, life long learners.

We can help change this by reading to our children for just 15 minutes everyday from birth until they start school.

15 minutes may not seem like a lot of time but it has a great impact!

Try it, a few minutes here and a few minutes there!












15 minutes a day by the age of 5 is equal to 27,375 minutes or 456.25 hours. Think of all of the new words and ideas your child will be introduced to!

Reading not only is an essential component of literacy development, it also plays a key role in building bonds with children! Who doesn't love a cuddle and a good book?

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 Let's organize our markers and crayons so that we have LOTS of great writing tools!</p> 	<p>2 Lets take some blankets, furniture, and any left over boxes and make a fort!</p> 	<p>3 Lets bring some books to read in our fort! We can use flash lights to see better!</p>
<p>4 Point to words as you read to me from left to right. This helps me understand that words have <i>meaning</i>.</p> 	<p>5 Lets make a nature potion! Pour me a bucket of water and let me fill it up with found material in nature!</p> 	<p>6 Lets bring some chalk outside and practice writing letters. We can talk about the sounds the letters make and what words start with that letter.</p>	<p>7 Let's dance to our favourite songs!</p> 	<p>8 Take out some PHOTO ALBUMS. Ask me who & what I can remember.</p> 	<p>9 Today, let me do something that I am REALLY good at. Take time to think about my strengths.</p>	<p>10 Let's explore the outdoors and gather Loose Parts from the environment to bring home with us. We can also use some of our recycled materials!</p>
<p>11 Let's Bring a Paintbrush Outside And paint With Water on the fence or bricks.</p>	<p>12 Lets plant in the garden or inside our home! I love to check on the progress and help some thing grow!</p>	<p>13 Let's make playdough today. Give me some Loose Parts that we've collected to use with the playdough, allowing me to create anything!</p>	<p>14 Lets act out nursery rhymes as we say/sing them. We can replace the names in the rhyme with ours to make it more silly!</p>	<p>15 Let's clap! Clap along to songs, nursery rhymes, and even clap the syllables in our names!</p> 	<p>16 <i>Follow my lead</i> - Let me be the leader. Smile, relax, copy what I do, and just be with me while I play.</p> 	<p>17 Hang out with me today! When YOU have fun playing, singing, reading, and writing, I WILL TOO! Show me!</p>
<p>18 Lets do Water play Today! Bring out a pool or a sprinkler and let me take my toys in!</p>	<p>19 Can we visit an EarlyON Child & Family Centre Program today??</p>	<p>20 Let's take some time to sit down and talk today. Let's talk about what we did today, what we are planning for the rest of the week, and anything we hope to accomplish.</p>	<p>21 National Indigenous People's Day</p>	<p>22 Show me a few of my toys then get me to close my eyes. Take one toy away and see if I can guess what's missing!</p>	<p>23 Let's take lunch or dinner outside and bring some stuffed toys. We can have a teddy bear picnic!</p>	<p>24 Family Game Night!</p> 
<p>25 Let's go on a nature hike!</p> 	<p>26 Describe food as you eat a meal. (e.g., "This carrot is crunchy", "the jam is sticky", "the peas are round", "the mashed potatoes are smooth").</p>	<p>27 Talk out loud to me about feelings. When I hear you talk about feelings, I start to understand them and learn that all feelings are important.</p>	<p>28 Give me a pencil and a pad of paper and role-play with me. Maybe I'm a waiter taking your order or a doctor making notes in your chart. "Interpret" my scribbles on the paper - I'll feel like I'm really doing it!</p>	<p>29 Practice making comments rather than asking questions when reading with me today.</p> 	<p>30 Let's play hide and seek today! Help me count backwards from 10 or from 20.</p> 