

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

Collingwood—250A Peel St
Wednesday March 6, 2024
10:00am Baby & Me

Collingwood—475 Second St
Thursday March 7, 2024
9:30am Stay, Play & Learn
1:00pm Baby & Me

Barrie—129 Ferris Lane
Tuesday March 12, 2024
9:00am Stay, Play & Learn

Alliston—13 Welling,ton St
Thursday March 14 2024
10:00am Outdoor Story walk

Stayner—236 Huron St
Tuesday March 19, 2024
1:30pm Baby & Me

Midland—356 King St
Wednesday March 20, 2024
9:00am Stay, Play & Learn
1:30pm Grow with Your Baby










Wasaga—544 River Rd W
Monday March 25, 2024
10:00am Stay, Play & Learn

Orillia —80 Colborne St W
Wednesday March 27, 2024
9:00am Stay, Play & Learn

Wasaga—175 Zoo Park Rd
Wednesday March 27, 2024
1:00pm Stay, Play & Learn



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1 Let's play "I hear with my little ear something that starts with the sound mmm."</p>	<p>2 Disconnect to Connect! Turn off screens for half the day and play together.</p>
	<p>3 Be sure to include 15 minutes of read aloud time into your daily routine. This supports language development and is a special bonding time.</p>	<p>4 Mud puddles are everywhere! Let's jump, play and explore.</p> 	<p>5 Let's make an obstacle course with pillows, toys and boxes. I need to move my body to be calm, alert and ready to learn.</p>	<p>6 Can I choose a story for bedtime? Providing choices helps me build my decision making.</p>	<p>7 Show me my name today. Label each letter for me. Can we make a sign for my bedroom door with my name on it? We can read it everyday!</p>	<p>8 Can you teach me this nursery rhyme?</p> 	<p>9 Start bedtime a half hour earlier tonight to slow down & have more fun with bedtime reading.</p>
	<p>10 Let's play a guessing game like I Spy. Remember to WAIT for 10 seconds when you ask me a question. I need time to find my words.</p>	<p>11 Did I share or put away my toys today? Catch me doing something good and tell me. Meaningful praise helps me recognize my strengths</p>	<p>12 Warm & engaging relationships, not things, build healthy brains!</p> 	<p>13 Can I take the lead when we play today? Pay attention to what interests me and follow my lead.</p>	<p>14 Take a book walk today! Explore a book together without reading the words. Look at the pictures and make up your own story.</p>	<p>15 Drawing and scribbling are the first steps toward printing letters. Can we colour together today?</p>	<p>16 Family Game Night</p> 
	<p>17 Try finger painting with food like pudding or yogurt. This is messy play which fosters curiosity, imagination and exploration.</p>	<p>18 Teach me about taking deep, calming breaths. Let's try Explosion Breaths: Breathe in and crouch down. Then, jump up, and exhale.</p>	<p>19</p> 	<p>20 Strive for Five turns in a conversation with me back and forth about the SAME TOPIC.</p> 	<p>21 Let's pretend to be animals today. We can make the sounds and act out their movements. I can flap my arms like a bird or hop like a bunny.</p>	<p>22 Let's be silly today. I love laughing with you.</p> 	<p>23 Can I help make breakfast today? I learn about responsibility when we work on a task together.</p>
	<p>24 "Self-care is giving the world the best of you, instead of what's left of you." — Katie Reed Take time for yourself today!</p>	<p>25 Can we visit EarlyON today?</p> 	<p>26 Can we look at family photos together? Seeing pictures of me with important friends and family gives me a sense of belonging and reminds me that I am special.</p>	<p>27 Tonight at dinner let's find new words for me to learn. Can you label everything we see that is shiny?</p>	<p>28 Singing is a super-charged way of connecting. Let's sing together today.</p> 	<p>29 Cold & wet or sunny & warm... the weather doesn't bother me. Let's play outside today.</p>	<p>30</p> 