

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

Stroud—7883 Yonge St
Thursday May 2, 2024
10:30am Stay, Play & Learn

Alliston— 13 Wellington St
Monday May 6, 2024
9:00am Stay, Play & Learn
1:00pm Baby & Me

Bradford—118 Barrie St
Friday May 10, 2024
9:00am Outdoor Fun

Barrie —129 Ferris Lane
Tuesday May 14, 2024
9:00am Stay, Play & Learn









Midland—356 King St
Wednesday May 15, 2024
9:00am Stay, Play & Learn

Orillia —250 West St N
Wednesday May 22, 2024
9:00am Stay, Play & Learn

Innisfil —Lake Shore Library
967 Innisfil Beach Rd
Thursday May 30, 2024
9:30am Stay, Play & Learn



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Messy Play May! Messy play occurs when your child uses their hands to play, exploring messy textures and materials. This calendar provides ways to incorporate messy play throughout the month. Let's get messy in May!</p>			<p>1 Let's explore dry beans, rice, or pasta with our hands today. Dry messy play is a fun way to introduce textures.</p>	<p>2 Let's visit a park and play in the sand.</p> 	<p>3 You are my favourite toy. Can we play together for an extra 10 minutes?</p>	<p>4 Sensory Bath Fun: Incorporate a new texture into bath time today. Try pool noodle pieces, Lego/Duplo, sponges, ice, etc.</p>
	<p>5 Can I help with the dishes today? I learn about responsibility when we work together. I will also play in the warm, soapy water, another form of messy play.</p>	<p>6 <i>Cloud Dough Recipe</i> Mix 1c cornstarch with 1/2c of hair conditioner. Knead for 1 minute. <i>*non-edible</i></p> 	<p>7 Disconnect to Connect! Turn off screens and play. We can use our imagination.</p>	<p>8 Ask me "What does it feel like when you touch...?" Remember to WAIT for 10 seconds when you ask me a question. I need time to find my words.</p>	<p>9 Save your recycling materials (ex. boxes, rolls, tubs) for me to play with.</p> 	<p>10 Teach me about taking deep, calming breaths. Imagine holding a bowl of hot soup. Slowly breathe in through your nose to smell the delicious soup. Slowly breathe out through your mouth to cool it down.</p>	<p>11 Let's create together. Provide supplies and pay attention to what interests me. Follow my lead. I have great ideas!</p>
	<p>12 "Self-care is health care." Suzy Reading Take some time for yourself today.</p>	<p>13 <i>Sidewalk Chalk Recipe</i> Mix 1c water with 1c of cornstarch and 2-4 dashes of food colouring. Mix well and use brushes to paint a masterpiece.</p>	<p>14 A prescription for reading! Be sure to include 15 minutes of read aloud time into your daily routine.</p>	<p>15 Bubbles and Books! Include a story during bath time. Vinyl books are wonderful for children to explore in the bath.</p>	<p>16 Can you teach me Baa Baa Black Sheep? I would love to play with cotton balls while we sing. A new texture for me to explore.</p>	<p>17 Let's go for a walk today. Bonus points for puddle jumping. I need to move my body to be calm, alert and ready to learn.</p>	<p>18 Can I choose a story for bedtime? Providing choices helps me build my decision making.</p>
	<p>19 Family Game Night</p> 	<p>20 <i>Bubble Recipe</i> Mix 1/2c dish soap, 1& 1/2c water and 2 tsp of sugar. Use straws, pipecleaners and found objects to blow bubbles.</p> 	<p>21 I would love to help in the garden today. This engages my senses and allows me to connect with the natural world.</p>	<p>22 I am building my vocabulary everyday. Let's take a walk and label everything we see that is dirty?</p>	<p>23 Can we get messy at EarlyON today?</p> 	<p>24 Warm & engaging relationships, not things, build healthy brains!</p> 	<p>25 A Recipe for Reading! Cook or bake with me today. Can I mix the ingredients with my clean hands? I can explore a new texture.</p>
	<p>26 Cut numbers and letters out of sandpaper. I can trace these with my finger.</p>	<p>27 <i>Moon Sand Recipe</i> Mix 4c flour with 1/2c oil. Adjust to desired consistency. <i>*pre-bake flour to make the dough edible</i></p>	<p>28 Tell me about things that made you feel frustrated today? I learn about emotions from you.</p>	<p>29 Strive for Five turns in a conversation with me back and forth about the SAME TOPIC.</p> 	<p>30 Can we read and explore a touch and feel book? Let's use descriptive language to explain what the pages feel like.</p>	<p>31 Let's go to the library. We can choose new books to read next month.</p>	