# Parent Resource Centre

# **Growing Together**

# **Early Literacy Specialist**



Winter 2014

# **Early Learning Winter Wonderland**

## Support your child's early learning at home by doing these simple activities!

## Read with Me!

### Did you know?

Reading with me more than once a day, is a perfect way for me to become a good reader. Also, research indicates that my early experience with books and reading make me better in math.

### **Book: The Biggest Snowman Ever**

The town has a contest for the biggest snowman. Clayton and Desmond race against the clock to compete for the prize, but soon realize that they can only build so high! With a lot of snow and a strong friendship, the two mice discover that by working together they can build a monumental snowman.

## Learn with Me!



#### Did you know?

ABC Life Literacy Canada is encouraging Canadian families to have "15 Minutes of Fun" learning together. Learning can happen at any time. Practicing literacy together every day has tremendous benefits on my early literacy skills.

- Write a joke book with your family.
- Read a bedtime story together.
- Tell knock-knock jokes together while doing the dishes.
- Make up riddles and tell them to your friends.
- Build a drum with your family.
- Surf the Internet and learn about your favourite animal.
- Make up a song about your day to sing to your family at dinnertime.
- Play a board game together.

## Sing with Me!

#### Did you know?

The power of music is undeniable. Music can soothe and calm, it can distract me during stressful or difficult moments, and it can also be exciting and stimulating making me want to dance!

#### Song: Willoughby Wallaby Woo

Many children's songs include sound play, which helps with rhyming, and letter sounds.

Willoughby Wallaby Woo, an elephant sat on you.
Willoughby Wallaby Wee, an elephant sat on me!
Willoughby Wallaby Mate, an elephant sat on Nate.
Willoughby Wallaby Woshua, an elephant sat on Joshua.
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# Play with me!

#### Did you know?

Family Literacy Day takes place each year on January 27<sup>th.</sup>
This special day encourages families to learn together.
For more information visit: <a href="http://abclifeliteracy.ca/">http://abclifeliteracy.ca/</a>

#### **Activities:**

**Snow Graffiti!** Give kids spray bottles full of water that's tinted with food coloring to decorate the white canvas in your backyard.

**Frosty Toss!** Have a snowball-throwing contest! Make a target by creating a bright circle in the snow with colored water in a squirt bottle. Count the number of snowballs that went into the circle and the ones outside of the circle.





