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Growing Together
Early Literacy Specialists

Spring into Literacy

Write

Spring is a wonderful time to practice your little one's fine motor skills! Grab your gardening tools and start gardening. This activity will develop and strengthen your child's hand and wrist muscles, which are very important for writing skills. Here are a few other activity suggestions:

Vegetable Prints

Cut a vegetable in half (potato, carrot, corn on the cob), dip into paint and print on paper. Talk about the different prints and what they look like.

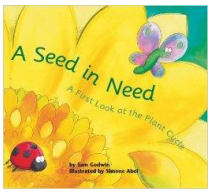
Seed Sorting

In a vegetable tray, tape down empty seed packets on the outer sections of the tray; tape one seed on the packet as a sample. Then encourage your child to sort, matching the seed with the picture of the vegetable. You can use your fingers or tongs to pick up the seeds. Talk about the different types of seeds; size, shape, colour …

Read

A Seed in Need by Sam Godwin, is about a ladybug and a snail, which walks readers through the life cycle of a plant. Bright watercolour pictures make this book very engaging. Encourage your little one to participate by asking questions about the pictures and story.

A fun game to play while reading is to each take turns changing the ending of the story!



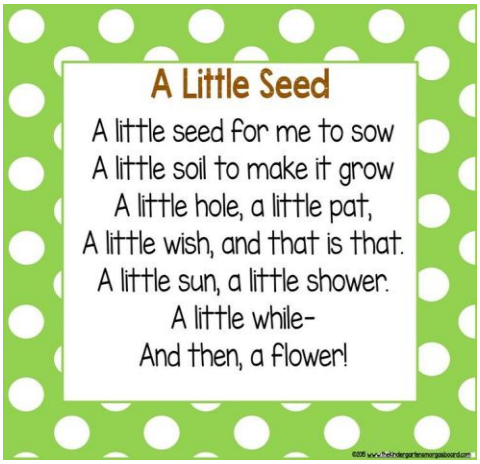
Play

I spy with my little eye something green and pink! Welcome the blooming tulips with a fun game of I spy with my little eye!

Don't limit yourself to flowers; spy a variety of shapes, colors, vehicles buildings etc. This game is a fun way for your little one to practice auditory and visual discrimination, to learn various concepts, and to learn new vocabulary.

Sing

SONG/RHYME



A Little Seed

A little seed for me to sow
A little soil to make it grow
A little hole, a little pat,
A little wish, and that is that.
A little sun, a little shower.
A little while-
And then, a flower!

Talk

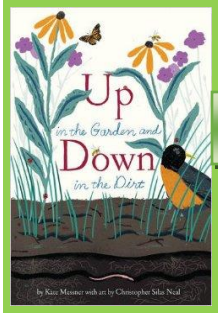
"Think E-I-E-I-O to communicate with your child"

Helping children learn to talk is as easy as **E-I-E-I-O**. These simple rules are a great way to get children on the right path to healthy speech and language development!

E xplore together
I mitate and Interpret
E xpand and Extend
I nclude choices
O bserve, Wait and Follow your child's lead

Follow the link for more information
http://firstwords.ca/talk-by-2-and-beyond/

Fun Reading



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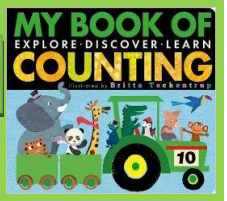

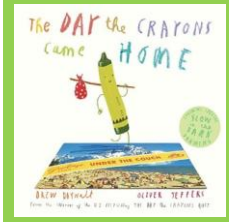

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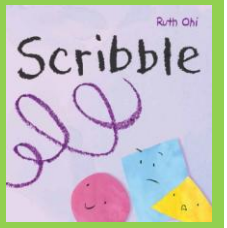

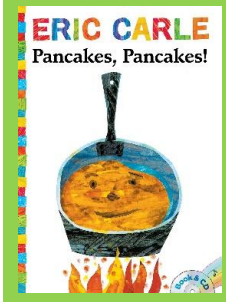

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Workshops for Parents

- **Talk/Sing** – April 20th, 2016 from 6:30-8:30pm at 1365 Richmond Road (Pinecrest Queensway CHC)

**Workshops are FREE! We offer childcare and a FREE Literacy kit filled with books, toys and other resources!

Register at www.parentresource.eventbrite.com

To register your child for childcare, please send an email to: smistry@parentresource.ca

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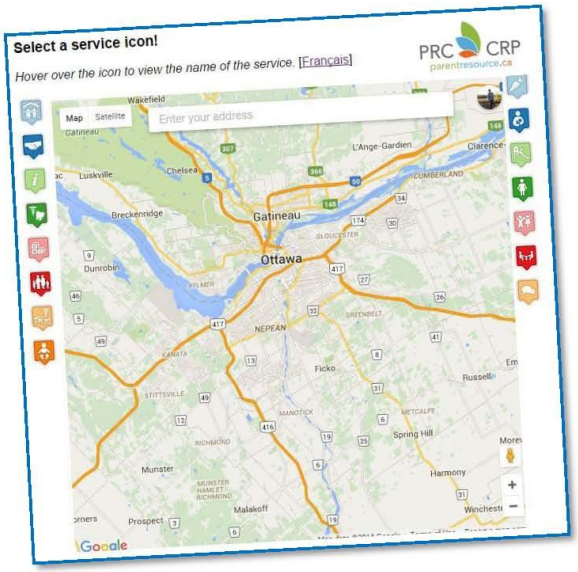
The Resource Centre (PRC), in collaboration with the Ottawa Best Start Network, is proud to reveal our **NEW Interactive Family Services Map**. As a community partner, we would love your help naming and piloting the NEW tool!



TRY IT, NAME IT & WIN $150

Let us know what you think!

Name it and you could win $150

Looking for child and/or family services in Ottawa? Let us help! Try our **NEW Interactive Family Services Map** to locate **free or minimal cost** services in your area. Developed in collaboration with the Ottawa Best Start Network, this interactive map shows the locations and contact information for a variety of **services for children (0 to 12 years) and their families** in Ottawa.

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Contest Deadline: April 1st, 2016

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To access the tool, click here

Please complete our feedback survey, which should only take a few minutes of your time:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6YXDQMK

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