



Preschool Newsletter- Language and Literacy

Week 6 Newsletter- Language and Literacy

This week we will look at Language and Literacy. We will explore various ways that language and literacy can be incorporated into everyday activities.

Please check out our Preschool Registered Program beginning June 8th 2020

It is also not too late to sign up :

Click the link below to register:

<https://forms.gle/RiafvogGUocfLgut5>

What's Happening Around the Clubs



Facebook

www.facebook.com/BGCHamilton/



Twitter

<https://twitter.com/bgchamilton>



Instagram

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BGCH@Home

<http://www.kboysandgirlsclub.com/bgch--home.html>

Direct Link to the Early Years Portal

<http://www.kboysandgirlsclub.com/early-years-programs1.html>

Registered Programs for Children 6 and up

<https://forms.gle/TP97DgdFKWLoe2iG6>

EarlyON Registered Programs

Parent programs

<https://docs.google.com/forms/>

Drop in Programs

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/>

Recipe Corner

This snack is based on **Pete the Cat "I Love My White Shoes" book.**

During the book Pete steps in Strawberries, Blueberries and Mud.

Ingredients:

- Plain Rice cakes
- Wow Butter
- Blueberries
- Strawberries
- Cream Cheese

Directions:

- Have the children choose what spread they would like on their rice cake
- Then let the decorate with strawberries or blueberries
- You can also decorate with chocolate chips or raisins.

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Language and Literacy = Engagement, Belonging, Expression

Language and literacy are major domains of early childhood development. These are connected areas but refer to different things. Language development involves the development of the skills used to communicate with others through languages, while literacy development involves the ability to read and write. Ultimately language and literacy are the backbone of communication.

HIDDEN NAME ART PRESCHOOL NAME ACTIVITY

MATERIALS:

- watercolours or watered-down paint
- paint brush
- water cup
- white card stock or thick paper
- white crayon



GETTING STARTED

You can write out your child's name ahead of time with a white crayon on cardstock or thick white paper.



THE BIG NAME REVEAL!

You can then give them the card stock or paper and let them use watercolour or very watered-down paint to discover their name or whatever secret message you choose to write.

Kids will absolutely love uncovering and recognizing the familiar letters in their names!



Salt Tray Letter Practice



Salt Tray Writing Practice

It is fun to let preschoolers practice writing with lots of different materials and utensils. One fun way to practice writing is to let them experiment using salt trays and a variety of utensils for writing.

To set up:

- Place a set of alphabet flash cards or letters that have been written on paper next to shallow trays of salt.
 - Then provide, popsicle sticks, Q-Tips, straws, paintbrushes or whatever you have available for them to practice their letters.
- The salt is easy to clean up as well...and you can save it to use for other activities.

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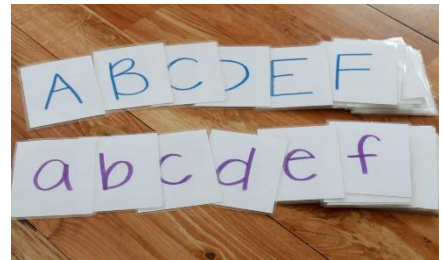
Here is a list of the books the children love to read with us:

- **Don't Push the Button Books** by Bill Cotter (great interactive book)
- **I am Sam, and Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr Seuss- (fun silly books with great pictures)
- **Tap the Magic Tree** - another interactive book
- **Pete The Cat - My Four Groovy Buttons, Rocking in My School Shoes and I Love My White Shoes** by James Dean and Eric Richards <http://www.petethecatbooks.com/>
- **Creepy Carrots** by Aaron Reynolds and Peter Brown
- **Go Away Big Green Monster** by Ed Emberly
- **Three Little Pigs**
- **Mortimer, The Paper Bag Princess and I Have to Go-** by Robert Munsch
- **Pickle Things** by Marc Brown

Uppercase/Lowercase Letter Matching Game:

Another great way to help children recognize their letters is to introduce Capital and Small Letters.

A great activity is to write on paper the letters in both Capital and Small Letters. Then cut them out and play a matching game where they match the big letters with the small letters. This will introduce them to the beginnings of writing as we must use both capital and small letters when we compose sentences.



This Weeks Family Challenge:

Going on an Alphabet Scavenger Hunt

This can be done inside the home or on a walk through the neighbourhood.

Make your Alphabet List and then set off to find the letters to match. This is especially fun when walking outdoors because there are so many opportunities to find letters in unexpected places.

After the letters are found you can start finding objects that start with each letter of the alphabet.

As always we would love to see any pictures of your hunt.

Parent Corner

Language & Literacy isn't just for our children and their development, it is also beneficial for us adults. It stimulates our brains, increases our vocabularies, and keeps our imaginations open to new concepts and thought processes. It also is good for our well being and those around us as we learn new techniques to use proactively in our lives.



Here are some good books to check out, snuggle in & relax with:

Self Help Books:

- The Four Agreements: A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom
- Rising Strong: How the Ability to Reset Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead by Brene Brown
- Here is a link to browse some other books:

https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&channel=mac_bm&q=The+Four+Agreements

Parenting Books:

- Positive Parenting: An Essential Guide by Rebecca Earns
- The Last Child in the Woods by Richard Louv
- Here is a link to some other books to browse:

<https://www.google.com/search?PositiveParenting>