



Celebrate Family Literacy in the NWT

How To Kit



Family Literacy Activities Night



NWT Literacy Council



Steps to Organizing a Family Literacy Activities Night



1. Find a space in the community to hold the event. (school, band office, nursing station, library, community hall)
2. Advertise the Family Literacy Activities Night at least one week before the event. Put posters up around the community, advertise on the local radio station, or green screen and hand out invitations at the school. Tell everyone about it! Posters and invitations are included in this package.

3. A family literacy activities night could include a variety of things:

- ✓ storytelling by elders
- ✓ reading circles
- ✓ reading bingo or picture bingo
- ✓ family literacy centers
 - i. Reading circle
 - ii. Creating literacy activities for the home ([grocery](#) and [home labels](#) included)
 - iii. Creating games that teach your children about words numbers ([hand out included](#))
 - iv. "My family" center where families work on a family book together (see <http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/familit/myfamily/intro.htm>)



4. Decide on the activities that you would like to do for the event. Prepare your centers and activities ahead of time.
5. Welcome families as they come to the door.

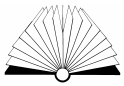




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6. Have families work together at each center.
7. Make sure that you provide all the material needed at each center and that each family has an opportunity to visit each center. Encourage parents/caregivers to use the materials that they have made in their home.
8. Have a snack at the end of the night and invite families to come again.
9. Call the NWT Literacy Council if you would like help with your event. The NWT Literacy Council can provide free books for prizes, help with the organization of the event and provide training for facilitators.
10. Ask the local paper to come to your event and do a story about family literacy.





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Family Literacy Activities Night



When: _____

Where: _____

Time: _____

Cost: **FREE!!!!**

Lots of fun for the whole family
with great Prizes.....



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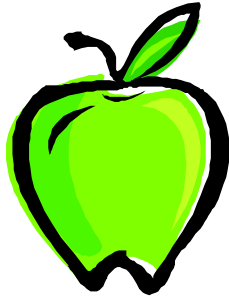
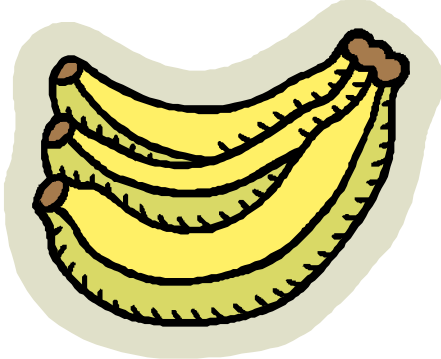


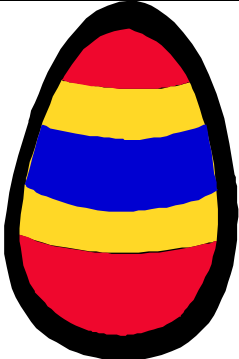


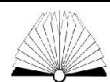
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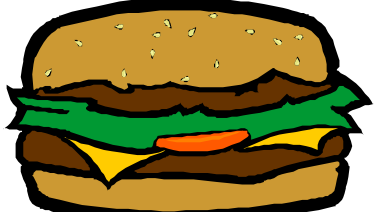

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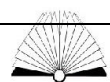
	
	
	
	
	






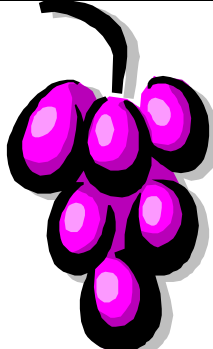

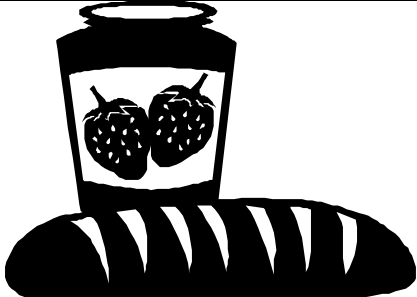
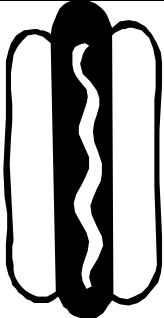
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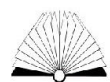
	
	
	
	
	





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Household Labels

A great way to teach any language!


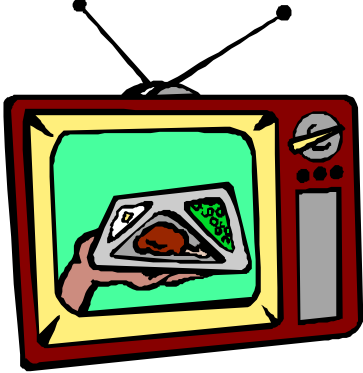


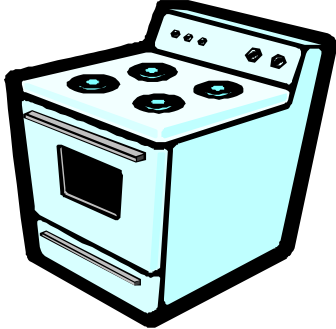


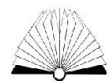
- ✓ Put up labels around the house in English, French or your Aboriginal Language.
- ✓ Every night before your children go to bed have your children say all the labels in their room or around the house.
- ✓ Have your children help you write out the labels.
- ✓ Your children will soon learn these new words by repetition and matching the word to the object.





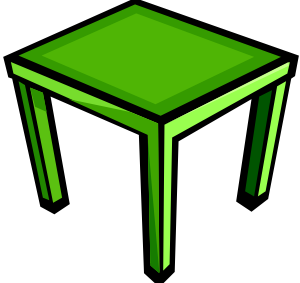
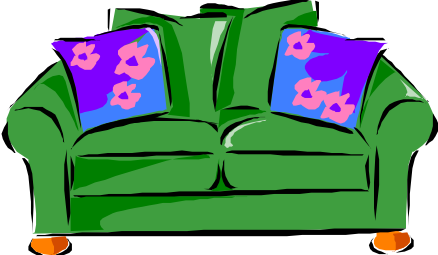

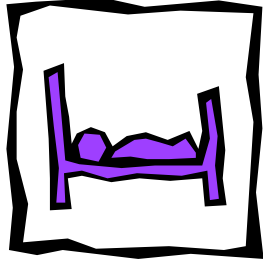

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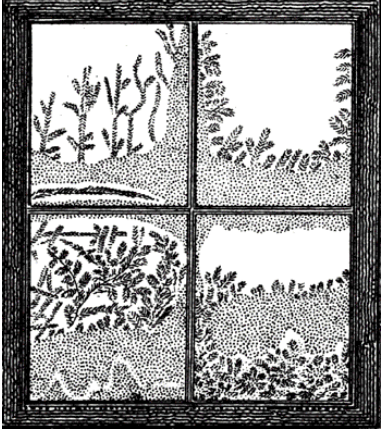
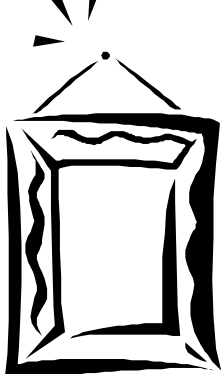


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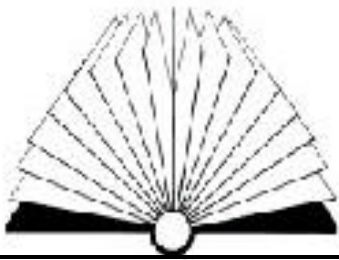




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Tips for Parents

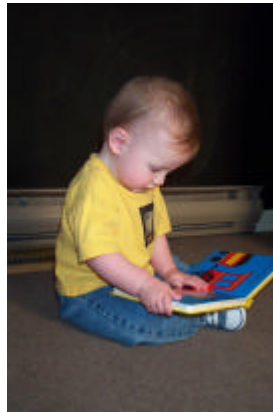
What can I do to help my child learn to read?

- ✓ Let him/her see you reading.
- ✓ Share books together
- ✓ Point out the print that is all around us. Look at street signs, supermarket labels, and posters.
- ✓ Make scrapbooks from photos or old magazines.
- ✓ Cook together



Steps for Reading With Your Child

- ✓ Choose a book from the library or from your home.
- ✓ Take turns reading aloud, or tell the story by looking at the pictures.
- ✓ Talk about what's happening in the story.
- ✓ Help your child with difficult words.
- ✓ Praise your child.



What can I do to help my children learn to write?

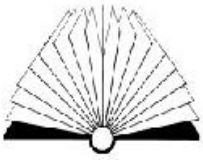
Let your child watch you when you:

- ✓ fill in forms
- ✓ write letters
- ✓ write birthday cards
- ✓ make notes
- ✓ pay bills
- ✓ write shopping lists

What materials will I need to encourage writing at home?

- ✓ lots of paper
- ✓ pens, pencils, crayons
- ✓ scissors, glue
- ✓ old envelopes or greeting cards for kids to copy
- ✓ little blank books for children to make their own stories
- ✓ a box to keep all the material in





More Tips!

Board Games and Card Games


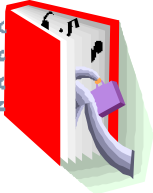
- ✓ Board games and card games will help your child to match pictures and words. This is an important reading skill. Games make it fun.
- ✓ Board games can help your child begin to understand maps and plans.
- ✓ Games will also help with numbers.
- ✓ Play games that encourage your children to read like Monopoly & Scrabble.




Make your own games!

- ✓ Make a snap or matching game by matching words and their picture.

Example

Bear	
Book	

- ✓ Use playing cards to make up number games for your children. Or play snap or war.
- ✓ Make a word game with letters and pictures. Give each player a pile of picture cards. Turn up the letter cards one by one. If you have a picture beginning with that letter, you keep the card and cover the picture with it. The winner is the first person to cover all their pictures.

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