



Let's 'Connect the Dots'...

'**Connecting the Dots**' is a new curriculum created especially for early learning practitioners in the District of Parry Sound. It was designed to connect the dots between the Ontario Kindergarten Curriculum, and the Early Learning for Every Child Framework. The curriculum has been designed by the Parry Sound Early Literacy Specialists.

The curriculum will be made available to Early Years Programs, Child Care Centres, Libraries, and Licensed Home Child Care Providers. '**Connecting the Dots**' is available to you at **no cost!** An introductory session for early learning practitioners is being offered by request prior to distribution.

The '**Connecting the Dots**' curriculum contains a collection of activities, songs, and rhymes designed for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers. The activities are categorized under Personal & Social Development, Language, Mathemat-

ics, Science & Technology, Health & Physical Activity, and the Arts. We hope you'll enjoy the songs, rhymes, and activities we have compiled for you!

Sample Activity From 'Connecting the Dots Curriculum'...

Little Jack Horner's Alphabet Pie

Help teach children to identify letters by sight and their sounds. Cut out 26 purple circles (Plums) and write each letter on one. Place them in a pie plate and recite the adapted nursery rhyme below.

*Little Jack Horner
Sat in a corner,
Eating his alphabet pie.
He stuck in his thumb
And pulled out a ____ (letter or sound)
And said what a good boy am I!*

** Decrease the level of difficulty for
Toddlers by using the first letter of
their name.*

** Increase the difficulty of this game for
Preschoolers by using capital and lower
case letters.*

Early Literacy in West Parry Sound has a new face!

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself, my name is Valerie Fowler and I am the newest addition to the Early Literacy Specialist team in the District of Parry Sound.

Thanks to the Parry Sound Best Start Initiative, a one year contract position has been created, and I am thrilled to be serving the West Parry Sound District. I look forward to visiting you soon!



The children of Waubeek Early Learning & Child Care Centre in Parry Sound are growing from tiny seeds into tall strong apple trees!

Book your
'Connecting the Dots' Curriculum
introductory session today! Evening sessions are available, contact your Early Literacy Specialist for bookings and more information.





Leaves are Falling All Around – A Poem for Fall

*Leaves are falling all around
Red, yellow, orange, and brown
Twirling, swirling to the ground
Look how many I've found!*

Going to School for the First Time?

To all of the children and their families going to kindergarten for the first time, I have included a song just for you! Be brave, have fun, and get ready for lots of learning!

Kindergarten, here we come!
(Sung to the tune of twinkle little star)

*Kindergarten, here we come!
We know we'll have lots of fun.
Lots of things to make and do.
Reading, writing, counting too.
Kindergarten, here we come!
We know we'll have lots of fun!*

A Song for Fall...

Celebrate the falling leaves with this simple song,

Mr. Oak Tree
(Sung to the tune of Where is Thumbkin?)

*Mr. Oak Tree,
Mr. Oak Tree,
Leaves float down,
To the ground.*

*Acorns dropping – plip plop,
Squirrels a scamping – hip hop,
All around on the ground.*

Exciting New Workshops being offered this



Visit the Best Start of Parry Sound's website at www.foreverychild.ca Click the workshops & training tab to see a schedule of FREE Early Literacy Specialist workshops in the Parry Sound District.

Early Literacy Specialists visit Early Years Programs, Child Care Centres, and Libraries regularly. If you are interested in attending a parent-child workshop, staff training, or want

don't hesitate to contact the Early Literacy Specialist in your district!

Join us this fall, for a new line up of workshops celebrating reading, writing, math, music, the arts, and personal development.



The children at the YMCA Child Care Center in Parry Sound participating in a science experiment to answer the question "Why do worms come out when it rains?"

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