



Child and Family Centre

EarlyON Child and Family Centre in York Region January 2021 Calendar of Events

Centre

EarlyON Child and Family Centre Thornhill

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Office Hours:

The office remains closed until further notice.

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Please note that programs and program times may be subject to change.

January 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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				CLOSED. HAPPY NEW YEAR!
4	5	6	7	8
<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Learning Through Nature 10:00-10:40 Partners as Parents (0-6) 2:00-3:00 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource Tot Stop!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Fun with Science 10:00-10:40 Pre-School STEM 2:00-2:40 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Nature and Me!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Wonders of Winter 10:00-10:40 Cooking to Learn 2:00-2:40 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Songs & Stories! New Resource – Family Space!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Tot Stop 10:00-10:40 My Little Gym 5:00-5:40 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Let’s Create!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Games on the Go 10:00-10:40 Songs and Stories for Babies 1:30-2:10 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Babies in Playland!</p>
11	12	13	14	15
<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Learning Through Nature 10:00-10:40 Partners as Parents (Infants) 2:00-3:00 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource Tot Stop!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Songs & Stories in Korean 10:00-10:40 Pre-School STEM 2:00-2:40 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Nature and Me!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Wonders of Winter 10:00-10:40 Fit and Fun 1:30-2:10 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Songs & Stories! New Resource – Family Space!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Tot Stop 10:00-10:40 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Let’s Create!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Story Stretchers 10:00-10:40 Songs and Stories for Babies 1:30-2:10 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Babies in Playland!</p>
18	19	20	21	22
<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Once Upon a Time 10:00-10:40 Partners as Parents (Toddlers) 2:00-3:00 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource Tot Stop!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> It’s a Small World 10:00-10:40 Fantastic Feltboard Stories 2:00-2:40 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Nature and Me!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Playful Learning 10:00-10:40 Fit and Fun 1:30-2:10 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Songs & Stories! New Resource – Family Space!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Songs & Stories in Farsi 10:00-10:40 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Let’s Create!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Songs, Stories & Homemade Props 10:00-10:40 Busy Babies 1:30-2:10 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Babies in Playland!</p>
25	26	27	28	29
<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Once Upon a Time 10:00-10:40 Partners as Parents (Pre-Schoolers) 2:00-3:00 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource Tot Stop!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Literacy Kit Pick-Up 10:00-1:00 Fantastic Feltboard Stories 2:00-2:40 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Nature and Me!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Family Literacy Day Celebration 10:30-11:30 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Songs & Stories! New Resource – Family Space!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Songs & Stories in Farsi 10:00-10:40 My Little Gym 5:00-5:40 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Let’s Create!</p>	<p><u>PRE-REGISTERED - ZOOM</u> Songs, Stories & Homemade Props 10:00-10:40 Busy Babies 1:30-2:10 <u>ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK</u> Live program 9:00 & 1:00 <u>STORYPARK (24-hour access)</u> New Resource – Babies in Playland!</p>

Please see the following pages for information about our pre-registered programs via Zoom, programs online via EarlyON @ Family Day (Facebook), and Storypark resources.



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Online Programs

EarlyON Thornhill is currently offering a number of programs and resources to help keep you and your child engaged and happy at home. Our programming includes:

Pre-registered – Zoom: This month, we're offering several engaging interactive online programs via **Zoom**, a web-based video-conferencing tool. Pre-registration is required, and participants must have access to the internet and must install the Zoom app. (See details about January programs below)

Online Via Facebook: Live online programs are offered by our EarlyON Educators, on our **EarlyON @ Family Day** Facebook page, at **9 a.m. and 1 p.m. every Thursday**. Programs may include Songs, Stories and Homemade Props, Songs and Stories in Korean, Story Stretchers, Family Cooking to Learn, Family Fun with Math, Let's Create Together, and many more... To join our Facebook page, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FDEarlyON/>, and click 'Join'.

Storypark: 24-hour access to **Storypark**, a secure, private online community space where our Educators post announcements, suggestions and videos for learning activities, and other parenting resources. The EarlyON Thornhill platform comprises various rooms, each dedicated to a specific type of resource; a new resource is added to Storypark every day (see previous page to find out which 'Room' has received new play ideas or parent information). There is 24-hour a-day access to this platform so that all materials can be viewed at your convenience. To join Storypark, please contact EarlyON Thornhill at 905-709-6159 or EarlyONThornhill@familydaycare.com.

Family Literacy Day is coming up...let's travel the World in 60 minutes!

Family Literacy Day raises awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities.

Family Literacy Day – Pick up your Literacy Kit! (contactless curbside pickup) (for children birth to 6 years) (January 26)

On January 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., EarlyON Thornhill will distribute, via curbside pickup with all safety protocols in place, Literacy Kits so that you'll have everything you need to celebrate Family Literacy Day with us on January 27! **NOTE: The Literacy Kit is not necessary to attend our Family Literacy Day celebration on January 27. You may also pick up a kit even if you are not planning to attend the Family Literacy Day celebration on January 27.** You must register to claim your kit, which will include a book and materials to encourage art and sensory activities that families can engage in at home. ([click here to reserve your Literacy Kit](#))

Family Literacy Day Celebration – Around the World in 60 Minutes! (birth to 6 years) (January 27)

Join us for our Family Literacy Day celebration; Around the World in 60 minutes! Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27, to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities...crucial to a child's development and literacy skills. Let's use our imaginations to travel the World and explore other cultures! Also, on January 26, EarlyON Thornhill will distribute Literacy Kits to those who wish to pick them up via contactless curbside pickup, strictly following health and safety protocols. To claim your Literacy Kit, please click on the link above Click here to reserve your literacy kit. **NOTE: The Literacy Kit is not necessary to attend this Family Literacy Day celebration.** ([click here to register](#))

MORE PRE-REGISTERED INTERACTIVE PARENT/CHILD PROGRAMS – ONLINE via ZOOM

Learning Through Nature (2-1/2 to 6 years) (January 4 & 11)

Learning Through Nature is a program which focuses on the splendour and beauty of the nature that is all around us. This program aims to promote young children's learning through an awareness and love of nature. We're bringing nature inside, but let's think outside - no box required! ([click here to register](#))

Fun with Science (2-1/2 to 6 years) (January 5)

Every child is a born scientist! This program offers fun, hands-on, interactive and educational science experiments and ideas for the whole family. ([click here to register](#))

Pre-School STEM (2-1/2 to 4 years) (January 5 & 12)

Engage in meaningful STEM experiences through songs, books, art and sensory play. STEM includes the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math presented in a fun and intriguing way. These STEM ideas are simple enough for families with pre-schoolers to learn and enjoy together. In Partnership with *Life With A Baby*. ([click here to register](#))

Wonders of Winter (18 months to 4 years) (January 6 & 13)

Wonders of Winters is all about discovering the spectacular beauty of Winter. Join us for play experiences that are focused on winter activities. We'll also sing some songs, listen to stories, create art, and participate in sensory experiences. ([click here to register](#))

Cooking to Learn (3 to 6 years) (January 6)

Cooking to Learn is designed to provide a "hands on", practical way to develop "readiness skills" such as vocabulary and language development, understanding of numbers and letters and small muscle coordination. Children will learn some basic concepts of good nutrition and enjoy preparing nutritious foods. ([click here to register](#))

Top Stop (18 to 30 months) (January 7 & 14)

This program, in partnership with *Life With A Baby*, focuses on toddlers' development through play including arts and crafts, sensory activities, songs and rhymes. ([click here to register](#))

My Little Gym (18 to 30 months) (January 7 & 28)

Physical activity is an integral and beneficial part of any child's growth, helping to build a child's self-esteem, confidence, physical skills, and brain health. My little gym is just that...a little gym that encourages imaginative play and movement-based learning. Will you and your little gymnast join us for My Little Gym? ([click here to register](#))

Games on the Go (2-1/2 to 4 years) (January 8)

Learn to play board games, cards and cooperative group games. Games on the Go helps to nurture a child's healthy development and supports their growing sense of self. ([click here to register](#))



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Songs and Stories for Babies (birth to 12 months) (January 8 & 15)

Songs and Stories for Babies offers a group experience to parents and their babies. Children benefit from enjoyable and healthy early experiences with language and communication...this program will introduce adults and children to the pleasure and power of using songs, stories and rhymes together. In partnership with *Life With A Baby*. ([click here to register](#))

Songs and Stories in Korean (birth to 6 years) (January 12)

Familiarize and increase your child's interest in the Korean culture and Korean language through interactive songs and stories. This program builds confidence in the mother tongue and builds a strong foundation for learning...and for non-Korean speakers, is a great way to introduce a new language to your child. ([click here to register](#))

Fit and Fun (18 to 48 months) (January 13 & 20)

A child who develops Physical Literacy is a child who can achieve a sense of wellbeing, confidence, self-esteem, good physical health, and a love for physical activity. In Fit and Fun, we'll stretch, bend and exercise to increase large muscle co-ordination and strengthen our physical abilities.

([click here to register](#))

Story Stretchers (birth to 6 years) (January 15)

Story Stretchers are play-based story extensions to reinforce a story that has been read. A Story Stretcher may be in a form of a song, dance, art or sensory experience and helps foster language, early literacy development, social skills, creativity and imagination.

([click here to register](#))

Once Upon a Time (birth to 6 years) (January 18 & 25)

This is about the power of oral storytelling for young children. Oral language is the foundation of early literacy. Research says Children who are good speakers and listeners, it also follows that they are strong readers and writers.

([click here to register](#))

Fantastic Feltboard Stories (birth to 6 years) (January 19 & 26)

This program uses a flannel board and felt props and focuses on singing songs and telling stories. Feltboards are a genius way for children to engage in interactive learning, as they encourage imagination, self expression and recall. Once we've told the stories to your child, invite them to tell the story to you using your own feltboard! ([click here to register](#))

It's a Small World (birth to 6 years) (January 19)

Nurture your child's imagination by encouraging small world play. It's a Small World provides an opportunity to explore new materials, act out real-life scenarios, build language and social skills, and gain an understanding of the world. ([click here to register](#))

Playful Learning (2-1/2 to 6 years) (January 20)

Playful Learning focuses on promoting learning through play experiences at home by using common items generally found in the household. Learning doesn't have to be expensive...learning can happen through homemade props and can be fun!

([click here to register](#))

Songs and Stories in Farsi (birth to 6 years) (January 21 & 28)

Familiarize and increase your child's interest in the Persian culture and Farsi language through interactive songs and stories. This program builds confidence in the mother tongue and builds a strong foundation for learning...and for non-Farsi speakers, is a great way to introduce a new language to your child.

([click here to register](#))

Songs, Stories and Homemade Props (18 months to 2 years) (January 22 & 29)

Songs, Stories and Homemade Props offers a group experience to parents and their children. Children benefit from enjoyable and healthy experiences with language, communication and visual stimulation...this program will introduce adults and children to the pleasure and power of combining songs, stories, rhymes and homemade props. ([click here to register](#))

Busy Babies (birth to 12 months) (January 22 & 29)

This program, in partnership with *Life With A Baby*, focuses on babies' early development and offers parents and caregivers learning opportunities in infant development through social and interactive play. Early childhood programs nurture children's healthy development and support their growing sense of self. **Note: You'll need a carrier or baby sling to fully participate.** ([click here to register](#))

PRE-REGISTERED INTERACTIVE PARENTING – ONLINE via ZOOM

Session 1:

Parents as Partners - Small Talk: Supporting Your Child's Language Skills (January 4)

(Workshop for parents of children birth to 6 years)

CHILDREN NEED NOT ATTEND

Discussion Session 1 will revolve around your child's communication, sensory preferences, and hierarchy of communication support.

([click here to register](#))

Session 2:

Parents as Partners - Babies and People Games (January 11)

(Workshop for parents of babies birth to 12 months)

CHILDREN NEED NOT ATTEND

In Session 2, we'll discuss your infant's communication, the goal of building communication in babies, and building communication using people games. ([click here to register](#))

Session 3:

Parents as Partners - Toddlers and the Power of Play in Language Development (January 18)

(Workshop for parents of toddlers ages 12 to 36 months)

CHILDREN NEED NOT ATTEND

In Session 3, we'll discuss your toddler's communication: the development and importance of play, and the communication profile of a toddler (comprehension, speech sound production, expression). ([click here to register](#))

Session 4:

Parents as Partners - Literacy is not just Letteracy (January 25)

(Workshop for parents of pre-schoolers ages 36-48 months)

CHILDREN NEED NOT ATTEND

In Session 4, we'll discuss your pre-schooler's print awareness, letter awareness, print motivation, phonological awareness, narrative skills, and vocabulary.

([click here to register](#))