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The first activity in each date box is suitable for families with young children. The second activity is for families with older children. Some have only one activity and they can be adapted for the whole family. Your Goal as a family it to try to do an activity a day and check off the box in the calendar date. You do not have to do the activity on the date of the calendar - Just do it when you can! Hand your calendar in at one of the Family Literacy Activity venues on January 27th to collect a gift of participation. If your family completes 20 of the activities receive **one more gift**. Families that complete all 27 activities will be entered into a draw for larger gifts. For more information on locations and times of Family Literacy Day celebration - January 27th 2011 check out Literacy for Life Foundation website at [www.litforlife.com](http://www.litforlife.com) after November 30th 2010 or ask at your local library.

Talk about the words first, after between, over, under - act them out.

Talk about the New Year and things to look forward to!

<p>Talk to your child about the difference between hot and cold, big and small, open and closed and other opposites. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Find an easy recipe to make a snack for your family - make it together.</p>	<p>Entertain your baby by moving a stuffed animal around in front of her/him using a funny voice. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>-For an older child read or tell a story using funny or expressive voices.</p>	<p>With your child listen for and point out the different noises you hear today <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Point out signs during the day and read them together and talk about what they mean. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Name a vegetable that starts with each letter of the alphabet. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Make up a grocery list together.</p>	<p>Pick a colour of the day and point out items with that colour for the rest of the day. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Look through coupons from the mail or online or in newspaper to use with your grocery list</p>	<p>Help your child draw a fruit for each colour of the rainbow. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Go shopping for groceries and read the labels</p>	<p>Help your child spell their name or make the letters using cooked spaghetti to form them <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Count how many times you read today. <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Take a counting walk. Pick something to count (cars, trees, signs) and keep track of how many you see. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Take a walk together as a family and talk about what you see!</p>	<p>Read something together or to your baby/child. It could be the cereal box, book, newspaper, magazine. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Place large numbers on paper on the floor as lily pads. Have your child jump from pad to pad and call out a number. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Go online and search out a topic of interest to your child/youth.</p>	<p>Tell your child a story about their grandparents or have a grandparent tell a story about their childhood. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Look for the number 5 today and point it out each time. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write a letter together to family or friend. Mail it</p>	<p>Sing " You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when times are blue. You never know dear how much I love you , please don't take my sunshine away. (make up your own tune if you don't know this one) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Visit the library and take out or look at a book! <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Talk about the weather. Is it snowing, cold? What will it be like tomorrow? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Check out the paper or online to see what the weather forecast is for the next week.</p>	<p>Make puppets out of old socks and put on a play. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Talk about safety - depending on the age of the child. It could be about different things - riding a bike, sledding, going across the street, meeting people.</p>	<p>Do a few simple exercises with your child, such as jumping jacks, touching toes, dance, play a physical game and/ or talk about why exercise is important. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Watch one TV show together and talk about the show afterwards. Was it funny or sad? How did it make you feel? Was it a good show? <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Take a walk together to the store <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>On a map find where you live or find a place you would like to go visit.</p>	<p>Play a board game or cards as a family. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Hide a special treat for your family (cookies, chocolate or book are examples) write out clues and have a scavenger hunt. <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>During Bath time say - One little, two little, three little bubbles Four little, five little, six little bubbles Seven little, eight little, nine little bubbles Ten little bubbles go pop, pop, pop! <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Relax and listen to quiet music before bed</p>	<p>Look at pictures in a book and talk about the story without reading the words <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Find an ad in a magazine or paper and talk about what they are selling</p>	<p>Have dinner together and talk about your day - have everyone tell one good thing that happened to them that day. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Go to <a href="http://www.litforlife.com">www.litforlife.com</a> to find the location and times in your community of the Family Literacy Day Celebration. Do some of the activities you missed on the calendar. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Go to the Family Literacy Day Celebration!</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>High River, Okotoks, Black Diamond/TV</p> <p><a href="http://www.litforlife.com">www.litforlife.com</a> or phone 403.652.5090</p>		

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Depending on age of your child you may need to adapt the activity and that is okay.

**Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." - Emilie Buchwald**