

Ten Wacky Family Literacy Ideas

HEY KIDS, January 27 is Family Literacy Day!

On this day every year, people across Canada spend time reading and learning with their families. And you can join in on the fun! On January 27, grab your father, your sister, your Grandpa or your pet aardvark, and help celebrate this special day. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

1. **Dirt Pie Anyone?:** Ask members of your family to make a recipe with you. Have one person read the directions while you measure all the ingredients and someone else mixes them together. For information on yummy recipes like Dirt Pie, Pigeon Poop and Chocolate Gravy, visit <http://mcgees.com/kitchen/kidstuff.htm>
2. **A Poet and You Didn't Know it:** Wearable art is in. Get everyone in your family to write a line from a story or poem on your old pair of jeans.
3. **Game On:** Set up a family game tournament weekend, where everyone takes a turn selecting one board game that is played as a family. Once all the games have been played, every person's score from each game is added up. The person with the highest total score at the end of the tournament, wins!
4. **Once Upon a Time, Pass it on:** Build a story with your friends. Write the first paragraph on a sheet of paper and then pass it on. The person next in line adds a paragraph, building on your paragraph, and passes it on again. Once the paper is passed through the whole line, read it aloud and hear the silly story you built together!
5. **Travel the World:** Well, sort of. Use your library card as your passport. Check out books on different countries to learn about their history and traditions, and read them as a family.
6. **Storytelling Pyjama Party:** Invite your family members to a pyjama party in the living room and ask everyone to come with their pjs on, their sleeping bag in hand, and a bedtime story to share.
7. **So You Want to be an Actor?:** Practise your theatrical skills by dressing up as one of your favourite book characters and read the book aloud to your brother, mother or the family dog.
8. **Be on "READ ALERT":** Shout out words you see on billboards, candy wrappers, or the note on your sister's back.
9. **Author, Author!:** Create a family joke journal by interviewing your family members and writing down favourite jokes from your kid brother, father, and great Aunt Edna.
10. **Know it All:** Look up the meaning of funny words like "onomatopoeia" and "Chinook" and test your parents' word power!