

Family Literacy Day Mad Libs!

Write a funny story with friends and family. Ask them to give you the word for each blank. Make sure you don't read the story until they've filled in each blank.



Today the weather is _____ degrees and _____, so we
number adjective
are heading outdoors. I put on my _____ and _____ and
noun noun
walk outside with my family. We go through the forest and look around at the
_____. The sky is _____ and the air is
adjective plural nouns colour
_____. We see a(n) _____ past us and
adjective animal verb
wander into the bushes. We made our own scavenger hunt list and outdoors I
find _____ and _____. The sun is _____ through
noun noun verb
the trees and the _____ are chirping. My _____ says that I'm
plural noun noun
learning when I'm outside – I just feel like I'm having fun. I like
_____ the best. I love being outside, no matter the time of year!
verb

Definitions:

Noun:

A word that is a person, place or thing. *Comics, monkeys, mom* and *North Pole* are examples of proper nouns.

Verb:

An action word that is the main part of a sentence. *Play, dance* and *jump* are examples of verbs.

Adjective:

A word that describes a noun. *Exciting, funny* and *super* are examples of adjectives.

Reading Challenge #3:

Read or listen to some family favourite books together.

Thursday, January 27th is Family Literacy Day! To mark this occasion, our Capilano community is being challenged to learn in the great outdoors and read together. As a family, you could participate in one or more of the activities in this booklet. It doesn't have to be limited to just one day, feel free to take your time!

(This is an Activity Book adapted from Life Literacy Canada. For more activities, check out the website above.)



Activity Book



Make outdoor time, fun family learning time.
Get outside and exercise both your mind and
body together as a family. Enjoy the wonders
of Canada's Great Outdoors!



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Make outdoor time, fun family learning time with these 10 activity ideas!



1. Outdoor scavenger hunt

Make a list of commonly found outdoor items, then go on a walk together with your list and see if you can find all the items.

2. Create a nature journal

Using a notebook, draw pictures and write stories about the different outdoor areas you've explored and the trees or animals you've come across.

3. Learn about winter species

Research online or at the library about winter birds and other animals in your region. Then, next time you're outside, see if you can find any of the species you've learned about.

4. Nature hike

Get some fresh air and exercise while practicing your math. Time your hike, work out the distance, and calculate your average speed on your hike.

5. Make story stones

Find rocks outside and draw a different nature-themed picture on each. Then take turns telling stories using the stones.

6. Head in the clouds

Look at the different clouds in the sky and see if the shapes of the clouds look like familiar objects, such as animals or people.

7. Number walk

As you put on your shoes, choose something you want to count during your walk. It could be dogs, trees, stop signs, cars—anything you want! On your walk, count how many you can find.

8. Snow art

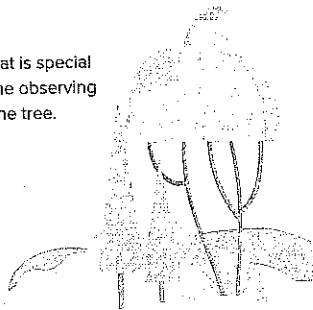
Use emptied dish soap bottles filled with water and food colouring to write messages and draw in the snow.

9. A course of course

Build an obstacle course in your backyard or at a park and draw a map of how to go through it from beginning to end.

10. Adopt a tree

























Pick a nearby tree that is special to you and spend time observing and learning about the tree.



Winter Bingo

Next time you go outdoors, take the bingo card below and see if you can be the first to find all of the items in a row, column, or corner to corner!



 sound of wind	 acorn	 flying bird	 evergreen trees	 mud
 flock of birds	 signs of a woodpecker	 winter flower	 perching bird	 berries
 bird call	 rock	Free space	 soaring bird	 twig
 squirrel	 maple leaf	 birch tree	 old bird's nest	 trail marker
 animal tunnel or hole	 animal footprints	 slush	 snow	 pine cone



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Reading Challenge #1:

Choose a favourite recipe and make something together.

Reading Challenge #2:

Visit your local library and check out all they have to offer. From books and jigsaw puzzles to audio books and movies.