



# Winter Newsletter 2012

ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRE PEMBROKE

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## Playful Preschool

Do you have a child that will be starting kindergarten for the first time in September 2012? If you do, then you may want to check out our playful preschool program.

This child only program runs in the afternoon once a week for six weeks and is designed to help prepare your child for a positive entrance into the school system.

This winter, we will be running two separate programs each week. We will offer a session on Mondays from January 23 to February 27 and a session on Thursdays from January 19 to February 23 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm.

You can sign up at either at the front desk or by calling 613-735-7575.



## Five Little Snowmen

5 little snowmen standing in a row,  
Each had a hat and a big red bow.  
Out came the sun and it shone all day,  
1 little snowman melted away.  
4 little snowman standing in a row,  
Each had a hat and a big red bow.  
Out came the sun and it shone all day,  
1 little snowman melted away.  
3 little snowmen standing in a row,  
Each had a hat and a big red bow.  
Out came the sun and it shone all day,  
1 little snowman melted away.  
2 little snowmen standing in a row,  
Each had a hat and a big red bow.  
Out came the sun and it shone all day,  
1 little snowman melted away.  
1 little snowmen standing in a row,  
Each had a hat and a big red bow.  
Out came the sun and it shone all day,  
1 little snowman melted away.

## The Winter Pokey

*to the tune of "The Hokey-Pokey"*

You put your right mitten in,  
You take your right mitten out.  
You put your right mitten in,  
And you shake it all about.  
You do the winter pokey, [shiver]  
And you turn yourself around.  
That's what it's all about!

You put your left mitten in....  
You put your right boot....  
You put your left boot....  
You put your long scarf in....  
You put your warm cap in....  
You put your snowsuit in....

## Daily Literacy Activities

1. When making your grocery list, have your child print out items to buy.
2. Make it a habit to always read a bedtime story together.
3. When cooking dinner, involve your children in measuring the ingredients.
4. Driving is the perfect opportunity to practice literacy. Read signs, billboards and license plates together.
5. In the car, sing along to songs on the radio. Singing encourages learning patterns of words, rhymes and rhythms, and is strongly connected to language skills.
6. When playing board games, read the instructions aloud to each other or count how many spaces to travel around the board.
7. Involve your children when you pay bills. This will teach them strong financial skills early on in life.
8. Children follow by example, so ensure reading in a part of your daily life too.

## Structured Programs

We need your help and support to continue to offer fun and informative activities.

There is a lot of planning and resources that go into preparing for each activity.

If you sign up for a program, and you cannot make it, please call and cancel so that we can offer your spot to someone else on the waiting list.

This way our resources are not gone unused and can be enjoyed by others.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

## Reminders

With the winter weather now upon us, here are a couple of quick reminders.

1. Don't forget to bring indoor shoes for both you and your child. The hallway can become quite dirty and wet with all of the outdoor footwear coming in and this can pose a safety risk if your little one is running on sock feet.
2. The Centre is a nut aware facility. Please check the ingredient labels to ensure that your snack is peanut/nut free.
3. If you or your child are feeling under the weather, it would be appreciated by us as well as the other parents if you were to refrain from coming to the centre until you are feeling better.
4. To keep our room and gym as clean as possible, please park your strollers in the hallway.
5. Due to safety concerns, hot beverages are not allowed in the drop-in room or the gym. Please finish them before you arrive or put them on the top shelf above the cubbies where little hands can't reach them.

Please inform the front desk when you have a change of address, or telephone number or you have added to your family. This is the easiest way to keep your records updated

**\*\*Don't forget to register for the following programs\*\***

### Dad and Me

Mon., Jan 16, Feb 6, March 5 from 5:30-7:00 pm

### Roar Like a Dinosaur

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1:30 to 2:30 pm

### Car Seat Inspections

Wed. Jan. 25, Feb. 8 and March 23 from 1:30-4:00 pm

### Parent-Baby Reading

Thurs. Jan. 12, 19 and 26 from 1:30-2:30 pm

### Family Literacy Day

**Please note:** Drop-In will be closed on the 27th of Jan. for a Family Literacy Day special event. Please call for details.

### Playful Preschool

Monday Jan 23-Feb 27

Thurs. Jan 19-Feb 23

**Additional programs offered – Please check our monthly calendars**

**\*\*Registration is required by the Wednesday of the week before for all programs except for Playful preschool.\*\***

## OFFICE HOURS

### Monday to Friday

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

**Wednesday** (starting January 18)

5:30 to 7:30 pm

### Sunday

CLOSED

**Note:** Opened additional evenings.

Check for times in our monthly calendars

Please note that the office is closed from 12:00 to 1:15 pm.

**Closures:** January 2-7. Centre will re-open on Monday January 9th.

## RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS

### Monday to Friday

9:30 to 11:30 am & 1:30 to 3:30 pm

### Wednesday

5:30 to 7:30 pm

### Saturday

9:30 to 11:00 am