



# Let's 'Connect the Dots'...

'*Connecting the Dots*' is a new curriculum created especially for early learning practitioners in the District of Parry Sound. It was designed to connect the dots between the Ontario Kindergarten Curriculum, and the Early Learning for Every Child Framework. The curriculum has been designed by the Parry Sound Early Literacy Specialists.

The curriculum will be made available to Early Years Programs, Child Care Centres, Libraries, and Licensed Home Child Care Providers. '*Connecting the Dots*' is available to you at **no cost!** An introductory session for early learning practitioners is being offered by request prior to distribution.

The '*Connecting the Dots*' curriculum contains a collection of activities, songs, and rhymes designed for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers. The activities are categorized under Personal & Social Development, Language, Mathemat-

ics, Science & Technology, Health & Physical Activity, and the Arts. We hope you'll enjoy the songs, rhymes, and activities we have compiled for you!

*Sample Activity From 'Connecting the Dots Curriculum'...*

### **Little Jack Horner's Alphabet Pie**

*Help teach children to identify letters by sight and their sounds. Cut out 26 purple circles (Plums) and write each letter on one. Place them in a pie plate and recite the adapted nursery rhyme below.*

*Little Jack Horner  
Sat in a corner,  
Eating his alphabet pie.  
He stuck in his thumb  
And pulled out a \_\_\_ (letter or sound)  
And said what a good boy am I!*

*\* Decrease the level of difficulty for  
**Toddlers** by using the first letter of  
their name.*

*\* Increase the difficulty of this game for  
**Preschoolers** by using capital and lower  
case letters.*

## Early Literacy in West Parry Sound has a new face!

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself, my name is Valerie Fowler and I am the newest addition to the Early Literacy Specialist team in the District of Parry Sound.

Thanks to the Parry Sound Best Start Initiative, a one year contract position has been created, and I am thrilled to be serving the West Parry Sound District. I look forward to visiting you soon!



The children of Waubeek Early Learning & Child Care Centre in Parry Sound are growing from tiny seeds into tall strong apple trees!

Book your '*Connecting the Dots*' Curriculum introductory session today! Evening sessions are available, contact your Early Literacy Specialist for bookings and more information.



