



**Investing  
in  
Children**

*Their future is in our hands.  
Our future is in theirs.*

# Calendar of Events

## January 2002

**No-cost or low-cost activities for you and your children**

**1 Happy 2002!**

Ask your children what they want to learn and do in the new year. Keep a list to keep track during the year.



**2 Christmas Clean Up**

Have your children help you take down the tree and clean the house. Give them small tasks that they can handle.

**3 Jungle Charades**

Play charades acting out all the animals that live in a jungle. Adapt it for farm or zoo animals too.



**4 Queen / King for a Day**

Elect one family member as King/Queen for the day. Let them pick out an activity that you can do as a family.

**5 Citrus Birdfeeder**

Make a birdfeeder using an empty half of a grapefruit filled with birdseed. Hang with yarn from a tree and watch the birds.

**6 Snowflake Shapes**

Take a cold piece of dark paper outside with a magnifying glass to examine snowflakes up close. Are they all different?



**7 Kitchen Band**

Make a band using pots, pans, spoons and anything you can find. Start with a beat and let your child make their own music.

**8 Library Storytimes**

Libraries offer storytimes for Babies, Toddlers and 3-5 year olds. Register at your local library.



**9 Laundry Day**

Have your child help you sort and classify laundry by size, type or colour.



**10 Shape Shifting**

Give each family the same number of straw pieces and see how many shapes each person can make.



**11 Snow Angels**

Bundle up and make snow angels outside. Make one for each person in your family.



**12 Backwards Day**

Run your day backwards. Start with storytime after bath, then move on to supper, lunch and then breakfast.



**13 Alphabet T-Shirt**

As your child learns the alphabet, paint each new letter on an old T-shirt. You can decorate the front with the words "I know the alphabet".

**14 Confetti Bagel**

Finely dice or grate raw veggies (carrots, peppers...) and sprinkle on a bagel with cream cheese.



**15 TV Blackout Night**

Instead of watching TV, read aloud or play games, do a puzzle, or sing songs with your children.

**16 Family Crest**

Design a family crest as a family. Include symbols about your name, hobbies or where you came from.

**17 Hibernation**

Explore hibernation with your children. What kinds of animals hibernate in the winter?



**18 Family Frequent Reader Club**

Ask about our Family Frequent Reader Club at any London Public Library location. Join the Club beginning January 26th.

**19 Indoor bowling**

Play indoor bowling with 11 empty pop cans and a soft indoor ball or a rolled up sock.



**20 Children's Day**

Spend an extra 20 minutes with your child today. Read a book, play games, go for a walk or cook a nutritious meal together.

**21 Down Under Delight**

Peel a kiwi and zap it in the blender with a banana, apple juice, and your child's favorite berries.

**22 What If??**

What if animals could speak? What would a dog say? A pig? What would you say to them?



**23 Make your own Oatmeal Play-dough**

Mix 1 cup flour, 1 cup water and 2 cups oatmeal. Keep Refrigerated!!!

**24 Animal Tracks**

Find tracks of dogs, cats or birds in the snow. Check in a book or online and see how many different animal tracks you can identify.

**25 Family Game Night**

Let your children choose a game that everyone can play as a family.



**26 Children's Library Family Storytime**

10:30 - 11:15am, Saturdays, Jan 26 - May 25.



**27 Skate Adventures**

Go skating at Victoria Park, the Garden Covent Market or a local arena. Celebrate with hot chocolate when you're done.

**28 Holiday Creation**

If you could make up a holiday, what would it be? What special tradition would hold?



**29 Frozen Grapes**

Put a bowl of rinsed grapes in the freezer and serve them to your child as special treats.



**30 Family Trivia**

Play Family Trivia. How did Billy lose his first tooth? What is Grandpa's favourite meal? Make questions your young children can answer.

**31 Recycling Day**

Set aside every thing that can be recycled. Explain why recycling is a good idea.



Join us at our  
**Family Literacy Event at  
Sherwood Forest Mall on  
Saturday, January 26, 2002  
from 11:30am - 2:00pm**

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