

Literacy Activities for your Pre-Schooler

January - June 2010

Oliver, Okanagan Falls and Osoyoos, B.C.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
OLIVER					
Strong Start: Oliver Elementary FREE Drop In or Full Term	8:30 - 11:30	8:30 - 11:30	8:30 - 11:30	8:30 - 11:30	8:30 - 11:30
Oliver Library Pre-register FREE					Pre-School Story Time (3 - 5 yrs) 10:00 - 11:00 Jan 29 - April 16
Oliver Parks & Rec. Oliver Community Centre Pre-register Many Programs are FREE		Ballet Classes 3 yrs 3:00 - 3:30 4 - 5 yrs 3:45 - 4:00 Parents and Tots Drop In (0 - 3 yrs) 2:00 - 3:30 Begins Jan 12	An Evening of Mother Goose (0 - 3 yrs) 6:00 - 7:00pm Feb 17 - April 7		
South Okanagan Immigrant Community Services FREE	All Day Early Childhood Educ. playgroup (while parents attend ELSA)	All Day Early Childhood Educ. playgroup (while parents attend ELSA)	All Day Early Childhood Educ. playgroup (while parents attend ELSA)	All Day Early Childhood Educ. playgroup (while parents attend ELSA)	
SenPokChin School Free and open to everyone			Mother Goose (0 - 5 yrs) 1:00 - 2:30 Jan 13 - Mar 17		
OKANAGAN FALLS					
StrongStart: Okanagan Falls Elementary FREE	8:30 - 11:30	8:30 - 11:30	8:30 - 11:30	8:30 - 11:30	8:30 - 11:30
Okanagan Falls Library Pre-register FREE					Story Hour 1:00 - 2:00 Jan 29 - April 23
Okanagan Falls Parks & Rec. Drop In: SMALL FEE					Tumble Bumble 8:30 - 10:00
OK Mini-School Pre-register	8:30 - 11:00	8:30 - 11:00	8:30 - 11:00	8:30 - 11:00	8:30 - 11:00
OSOYOOS					
StrongStart: Osoyoos Elementary FREE	8:30 - 11:30	8:30 - 11:30	8:30 - 11:30	8:30 - 11:30	8:30 - 11:30
Osoyoos Library Pre-register FREE				Story Hour (3 - 5 yrs) 10:00 - 10:45 Jan 28 - April 15	

Osoyoos Parks & Rec Sonora Centre Pre-register: SMALL FEE	Soccer Nuts (3 - 5 yrs) 3:00 - 3:45 Jan 11 - Mar 1	Parents and Tots Drop-In (0 - 5 yrs) 9:30 - 11:30 Jan 12 - Mar 4	Senior and Tot Skating 10:00 - 11:30	Parents and Tots Drop-In (0 - 5 yrs) 9:30 - 11:30 Jan 12 - Mar 4	Senior and Tot Skating 10:00 - 11:30
Osoyoos Parks & Rec continued				Shooting Stars (3-5 yrs) 3:00 - 3:45 Jan 14 - Mar 4	
Interior Health			Mother Goose (not available for the winter session)		
FREE					
Community Action Plan for Children (CAPC)	See details	below for	all programs in	the region.	

Community Action Plan for Children (CAPC)

CAPC provides a venue for parents of children 0-6 years, and parents to be, in Oliver, Osoyoos and Okanagan Falls. They also host group activities, to help create strong, healthy families. Contact Arlene Lawrence, at Desert Sun Counselling, for details of all programs - 250 498 2538

Head Start at Sen Pok Chin

This program focuses on early childhood development and school readiness of First Nations preschool children, birth to 6 years. Many activities are offered throughout the school year, such as Mother Goose, PALS, Building Blocks and story-times. In addition, year-round daycare is available. For more information, contact Julie Millward at SenPokChin School - 250 498 2019

Interior Health

Mother Goose: This weekly session is for parents and tots, from birth - 3 years. Oral literacy is encouraged, and the circle times include lots of sharing of stories, rhymes and songs. Activities are free and open to all. Dates and time to be determined. Contact Hester Brunner, Speech and Language Pathologist, at Interior Health - 250 498 5074

Oliver, Osoyoos and Okanagan Falls Libraries

The libraries have several story-time programs for babies and toddlers, exciting books for loan, and a regular inter-library loan service. For detailed information about opening hours, to register for kids' programs, or to find out more, check your local branch on-line at www.orl.bc.ca or contact the library directly:

Oliver Branch	250 498 2242
Osoyoos Branch	250 495 7637
Okanagan Falls Branch	250 497 5886

Okanagan Boys and Girls Club

Ages 0-5 years early childhood programs provide young children with safe, meaningful opportunities and challenges in developmentally appropriate environments. Parenting Wisely is a parenting program designed to support and teach parents new and effective ways of relating to their children and managing difficult behaviours.

Call Oliver's Main Office for more information - 250 498 8844.

Okanagan Falls Mini School

This is a preschool for 3 & 4 year olds located in Okanagan Falls Elementary School. Contact Bonnie Kandulski for information - 250 497 5576.

Mother Goose

Oliver Recreation Centre: An evening of songs, rhymes and stories to share with your children aged 0-3 - a free early literacy program for families - an excellent opportunity for working families to participate in a program with their children.

SenPokChin School: An afternoon of songs, rhymes, and stories for children aged 0-5 - a free early literacy program provided with time for library exploration and a play in the gymnasium.

A snack is provided at both Mother Goose sessions.

Call Theresa Swift at 250 498 2019 for more information about Mother Goose at both locations.

Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation facilities in each of the three communities, Oliver, Okanagan Falls and Osoyoos, offer a variety of activities for pre-schoolers, engaging them in play, to support social, emotional and skill development, as well as specific, literacy-focused activities. The Senior and Tot Skating is for parents and preschoolers, buggies and infants are welcome. Seniors share this skating time. Contact your local centre, to find out more about such regularly scheduled activities as mini-hockey, Tumble Bumble, paint and play, and Hip-Hop. There are also many one time special events offered in each community such as Weird Science, Cinderella's Ball, Valentine's Day Creations, and Easter Fun. Call for more information.

Oliver & District Parks and Rec, Community Hall 250 498 4985

Okanagan Falls Parks and Rec, 1141 Cedar Street 250 497 8188

Osoyoos Recreation Dept, Sonora Centre 250 495 6562

South Okanagan Immigrant Community Services (SOICS)

English as a Second Language and Early Childhood Education activities located at Park Drive Pentecostal Church, 36672-79th St, call 250 498 4900 for more information.

Strong Start

This parent/child interactive early learning program is free. It is offered to families, to help promote the development of their preschoolers, supported by an Early Childhood Educator and community partners. It is a great way to get your preschooler involved in play, music, literacy and the arts. It is a daily drop-in program, primarily focused on 3 - 5 years olds and their parents/ caregivers. The program also welcomes children from 0 - 2 years of age.

Drop in at the school one morning to find out more, or call:

Oliver Elementary - StrongStart BC Centre, Dana Bedard, 250 498-3468

Osoyoos Elementary - StrongStart BC Centre, Starla Braithwaite, 250 495 7248

Okanagan Falls Elementary - StrongStart BC Centre, Samantha James, 250 497 5414