



## How are you celebrating Family Literacy Day?

Are you familiar with *Family Literacy Day*? Since 1999, schools, libraries, literacy groups and families have all celebrated this awareness initiative that aims to encourage reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

We're counting down to the big day on January 27<sup>th</sup> by sharing [20 literacy tips](#) – one for each day from now until *Family Literacy Day*.

This year's theme is "Take 20 in 2020". Putting aside just 20 minutes a day to do a fun learning activity – whether it's reading a book, playing a game, following a recipe or singing a song – can have a significant impact on both parent and adults.

### Free Family Literacy Day Resources

We are pleased to provide free downloadable resources to promote your activities:

Take 20 activities (illustrated by FLD Honourary Chair Barbara Reid): [English](#) [French](#)

Event Coordinator's Guide: [English](#) [French](#)

Activity Sheet: [English](#) [French](#)

Activity Book: [English](#) [French](#)

Poster (fillable): [English](#) [French](#)

Bookmark: [English](#) [French](#)

**Take 20 minutes to make learning together part of your everyday.**

**HOPSCOTCH COUNT:**  
Make a giant hopscotch calculator, ask math questions and hop to the answer!

**What you need:**

- sidewalk chalk to draw the board if playing outdoors
- 8 1/2 x 11" paper if you're playing indoors (5 sheets)
- markers and tape for indoor play

**Make your hopscotch calculator:**

- Outdoor play: With chalk, draw the calculator as shown in the picture, with each button large enough to step in (about 1 foot or 30 cm.)
- Indoor play: With paper and markers, draw each button of the calculator on a separate piece of paper. Tape the buttons as shown in the picture to form your calculator.

**How to play:**

- Player 1 hops on the buttons of the calculator, making a math equation and saying it out loud. Like  $5 + 3 =$
- Player 2 writes down the math equation, then hops on the buttons with the answer, saying the equation and answer out loud. Like  $5 + 3 = 2$ .
- It's player 2's turn to make their own equation by hopping on the buttons of the calculator.
- The next player solves the equation and so on.
- Take it further: To make it trickier, create longer equations and also hop on only one foot!

**Tell it 2 Ways:**  
Write a secret message with numbers and do math to solve it.  
Can you solve this secret message?

**Legend:**

2 = H	9 = L	10 = D
4 = E	12 = A	21 = U
5 = T	13 = S	22 = W
6 = F	14 = N	23 = M
7 = R	16 = Y	27 = C
8 = I	17 = V	

**Math problems:**

3+6	2+2	7+5	9-2	8+6	3+5	11+5	30-3
8-4	8+9	3+1	4+5	21-5	9+9	5+7	12+4
12+10	12-4	3+2	25-2	1+1	25-7		
5+1	9+3	14-12	3+5	4+5	20-4		
11-3	6+7	9-3	14+7	7+7			

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See all Take 20 learning activities at [www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca](http://www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca)

## Register your event!

Please also take a few moments to let us know what you have [planned for Family Literacy Day 2020](#).

All events submitted by January 17 will be entered into a draw for a chance to win one of three gift cards to arrive before *Family Literacy Day*!

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## Access even more family literacy activities

There are plenty more resources to help celebrate *Family Literacy Day*! There are more than 75 stories and activities available for free download in five languages at [FamilyLiteracyFirst.ca](http://FamilyLiteracyFirst.ca). Here are a few sample activities:

Plan your 2020 family budget: [English](#) [French](#)

Finger Puppet Zoo & Song: [English](#) [French](#)

Get Winston Game: [English](#) [French](#)

My Family Tree: [English](#) [French](#)

Succeed and practice your budget: [English](#) [French](#)



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