

Saanich Schools Literacy Link

Tools, Tips and Strategies to Support Literacy at Home



April is For Celebrating Poetry and our Planet!

April invites families to celebrate both poetry and our beautiful planet! It is an inspiring time to explore rhythm, rhyme, and the wonders of the natural world together.



Celebrate These Special Days In April



April 1st - April 30th
National Poetry Month



April 22nd - Earth Day



April 2nd - International Children's Book Day



April 23rd - Saanich Schools Climate ChangeMakers Open House



April 16th - Ready Set Learn! In Saanich Schools



April 26th - May 2nd
Canadian Children's Book Week



April 21st - BC Book Day



Ways Families Can Celebrate Poetry Together



Young Readers

Read short, rhythmic poems together.

Play with sound! Clap out rhythms, repeat rhyming words, or create your own silly rhyme chains.

Turn favourite poems into simple actions or gestures so young readers can join in physically.



Middle Readers

Write a family acrostic poem using a spring word such as EARTH, APRIL, or FLOWER.

Read poems from different styles: haiku, limericks, free verse, and try writing one together.

Choose a favourite poem and illustrate it, turning it into a mini poetry poster






Older Readers

Explore nature poetry and write observational poems outdoors.

Try "found poetry" by using words from magazines, books, or signs to compose a poem.

Choose a meaningful poem to keep in your pocket all month. Share it with someone, or challenge yourself to memorize it.

Family Ideas for Enjoying Earth Day All Month Long

-  Read books about nature, animals, or the environment.
-  Try a screen-free evening and enjoy stargazing or reading outside.
-  Visit a local park and take time to notice textures, patterns, and colours in nature.

