



POPEY @ Home

Provincial Outreach Program for the Early Years

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Word Family Poems

Write a list of words that sound the same - words from the same word family, or words that rhyme.

Write out each word on a post-it note or small pieces of paper.

Move the pieces of paper around to make poems. Add words in between the rhyming words so your poem makes sense.

You can use this [Word Family chart](#) to help you brainstorm rhyming words.

You can watch this [All About Word Families video, including a Word Family poem](#)

What Can You Do With a Box?

Brainstorm all the different things that could be done with a box.

What could you build? What could the box be?
What could you do in the box?

If you have a box at home, build something, and let your imagination take you to lots of places!

If you don't have a box, draw what you would build with a box and label all the different features of your invention.

[You can read and listen to the story - 'What To Do With a Box'](#) - for some ideas!

Create Your Own Comic

Think of a short adventure (maybe you're a superhero!)

Draw pictures to show what's happening, and use speech bubbles when your characters are talking to add more detail to your adventure.

You can create your own comic paper by folding a blank paper into two or four sections.

See page 3 for links to support this activity
See pages 4 & 5 for comic strip paper.

Spring Scavenger Hunt

Either from your window, or on a walk with your family, see if you can find:

- 5 different kinds of plants, trees or flowers, and
- 5 different animals in your neighbourhood

You can take pictures of what you find, or draw and label what you saw once you're back home

More details about this activity, and a printable checklist you can use, can be found [here](#)

Create a Grocery List

Create a grocery list by asking members of your family what they might need.

You can also look in your fridge and in your cupboards for ideas.

Share your list with your family members.

Tree House

Have you ever thought about having a tree house?
What would it look like?

Draw a picture of your perfect tree house and label all the important parts.

To add ideas to your picture - you can read this book on [Tree Houses](#) to help you think of some more ideas.

Create a Card

Think about a special woman in your life. Create a card for that person by folding a piece of paper in half and drawing a picture on the front of the card.

Next, write inside the card, "Five things I love about you:" and make a list of those 5 things.

Sign your name in your best printing and give it to the special woman in your life on Sunday for Mother's Day.

Animal Research

What animal are you interested in learning more about?

Think of an animal and write down 3 questions you have about that animal.

Find a book (or a few books!) to see if you can find the answers to your questions.

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What's Your Tip?

Sometimes we have **feelings** that are hard to feel. When we feel that way, it's good to have some ideas, or strategies, to feel better.

What are some ways that you can feel better when you're not feeling so great?

Ask friends and family what some of their tips are for feeling better on a not so great day.

Draw, write, have a puppet show, make postcards, or make a video sharing all the tips you heard.

[You can read and listen to the book - 'Ishi'](#)
- for tips on what to do on a stinky day.

Who's Your Role Model?

Role models are people we look up to. They do things that help others, and do things that we respect.

They might be people that we don't know. (like doctors, nurses, or other helpers)

Who do you look up to?

What do they do that you like or admire?

Write a note or letter to a person you admire.

You can also draw a picture, take photos, make a video, make a puppet, and/or make a play-doh model of the person you chose.

More details about this activity and an idea for an art project can be found [here](#)

Watch the Characters

Have you ever noticed how characters change as you read through a story?

Pick some of your favourite stories with fun characters, and read through the stories again.

How did the characters change throughout the story?

Did their feelings change?

Did they learn something new?

Did they change because of something another character did?

Talk about how different characters changed in your stories with anyone you'd like.

You can even watch characters change in stories without words, like this [Joy and Heron story](#).

A Galaxy Far, Far Away

Have you ever watched a movie, read a book, or a comic that was on another planet, or in outer space?

Places in outer space - real, or imaginary, are filled with so many possible ideas - because you can make up anything you'd like!

Pretend you're on another planet. What adventures would you have?

Who would be there with you?

Would there be other creatures on your planet that would be part of your adventure?

Draw and write an outer space adventure.

It can be a story, a comic, a cartoon, a video, a play, a puppet show - anything you'd like.

Share your adventure with a friend.

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Tech Tool of the Week

Brain POP Jr.

Games, stories, movies, and loads of learning possibilities for literacy, math, science, arts and mental & physical health.

request free access [here](#)

Reading Online

PebbleGo

non-fiction books

(animals, science, social studies & dinosaurs)

Capstone Interactive

storybooks, non-fiction books & graphic novels

Unite Books

storybooks & non-fiction books for early readers

Digital Writing/Creation

Poem Creation

Poem Creator Interactives - ReadWriteThink

- websites - Flash needed - link to overviews

Poem Creator Apps - ReadWriteThink

- Apple & Android - link to list & overviews

Comic Creation

Comics Head

- Apple & Android - link to app overview

Comic Puppets

- Apple only - link to app overview

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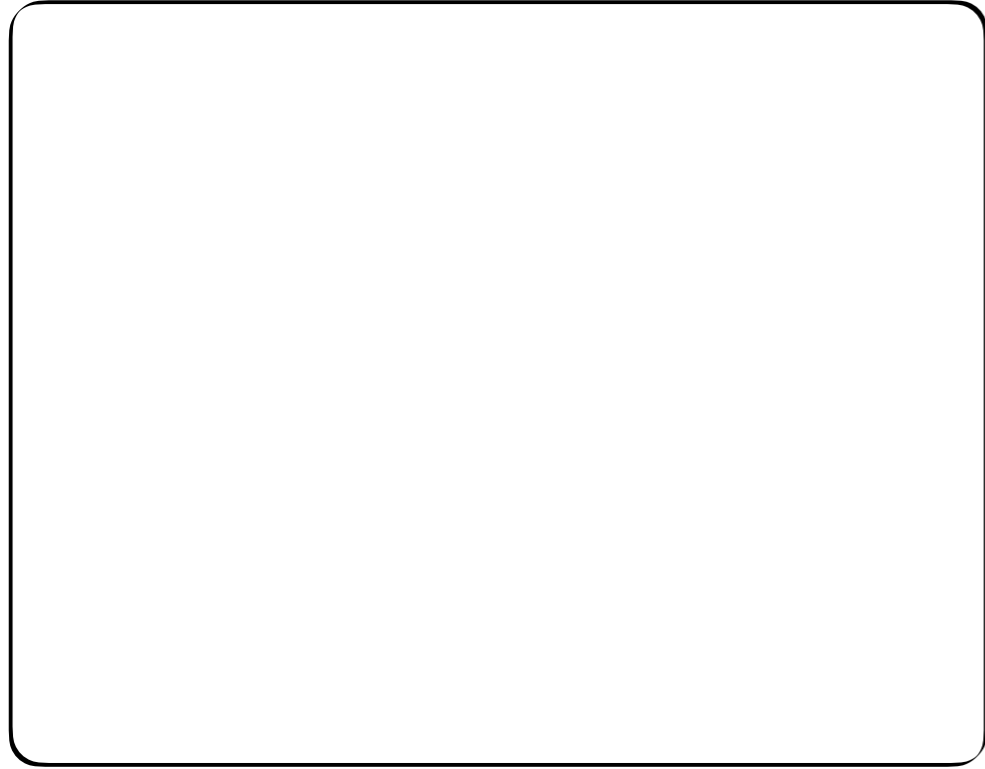
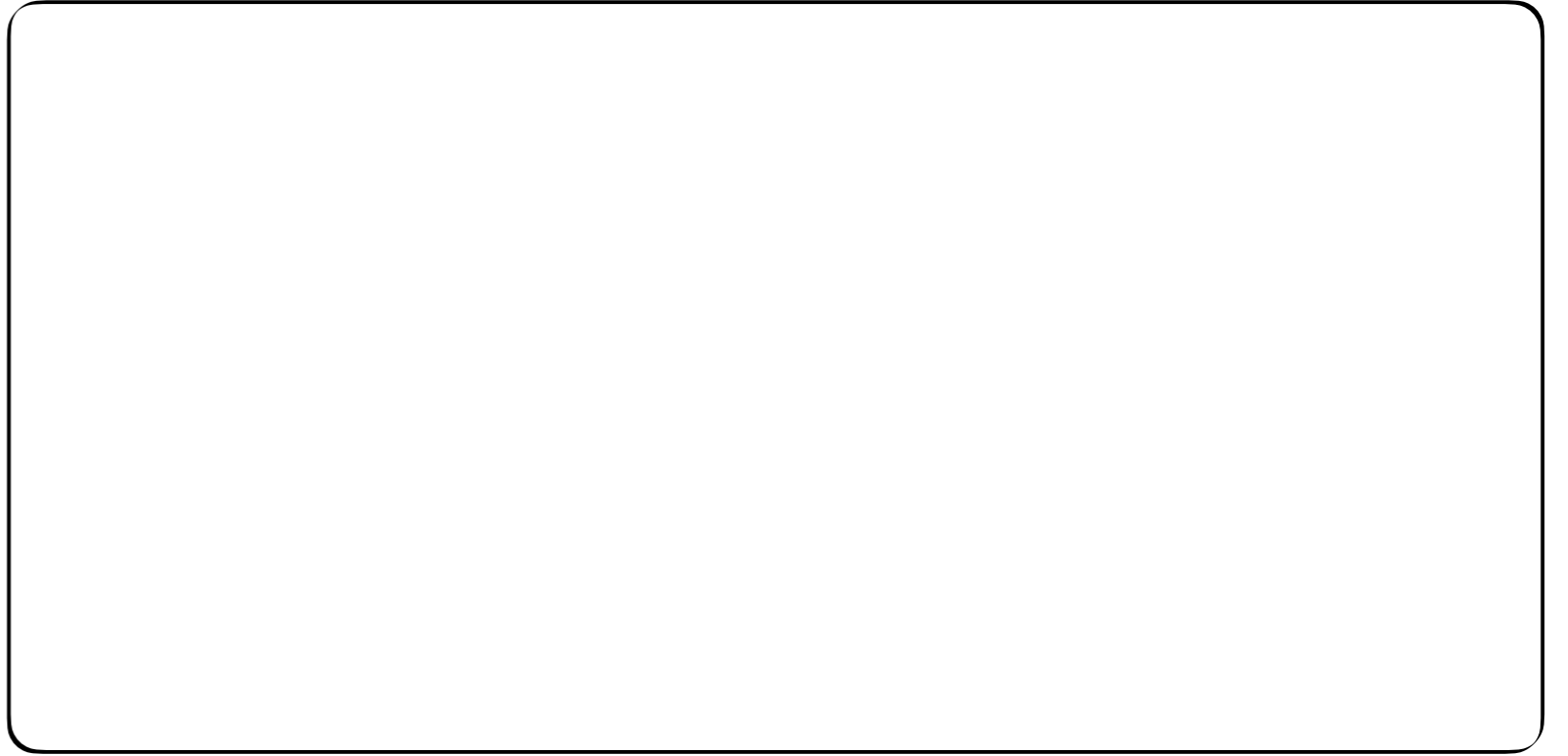
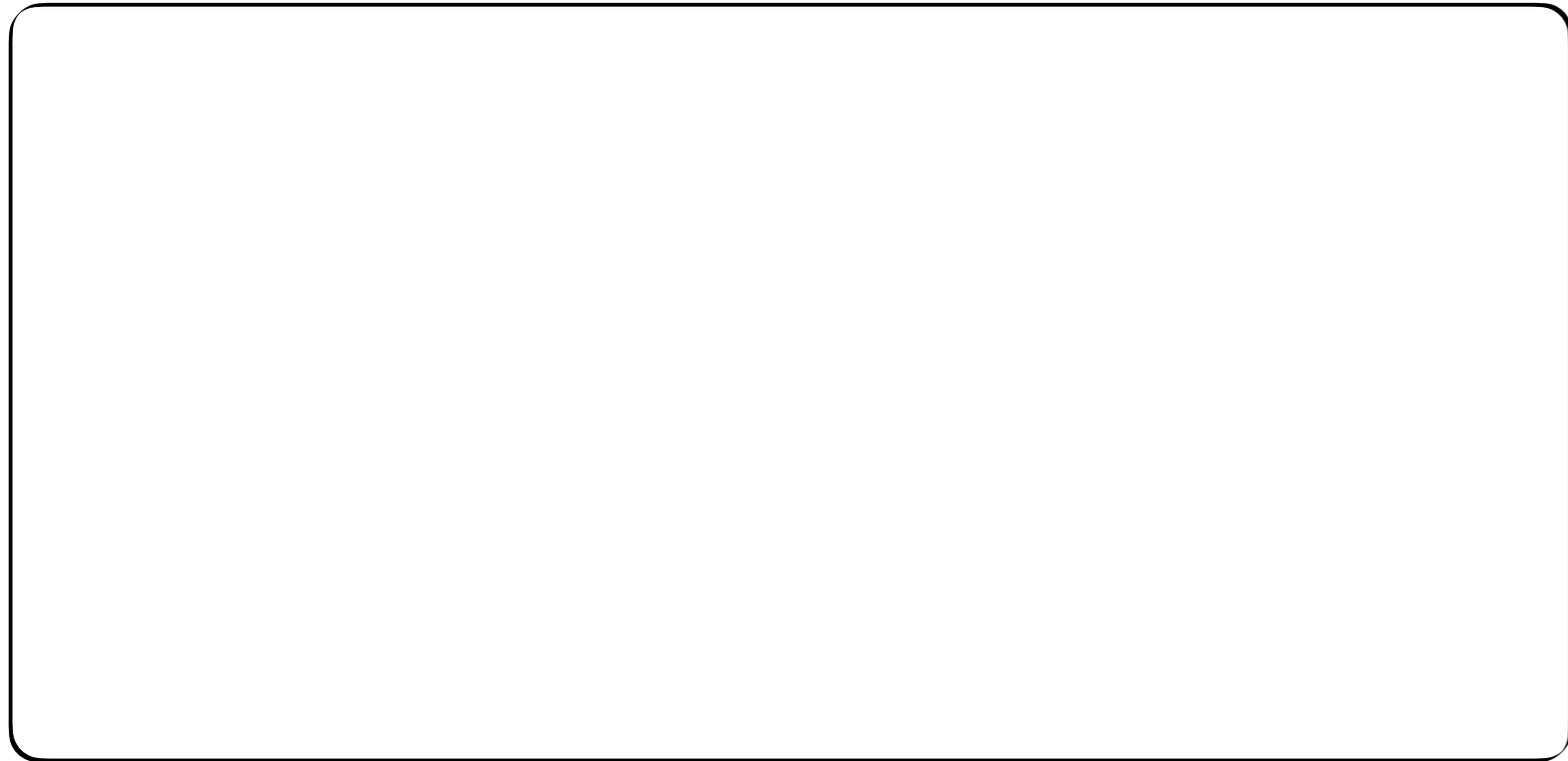
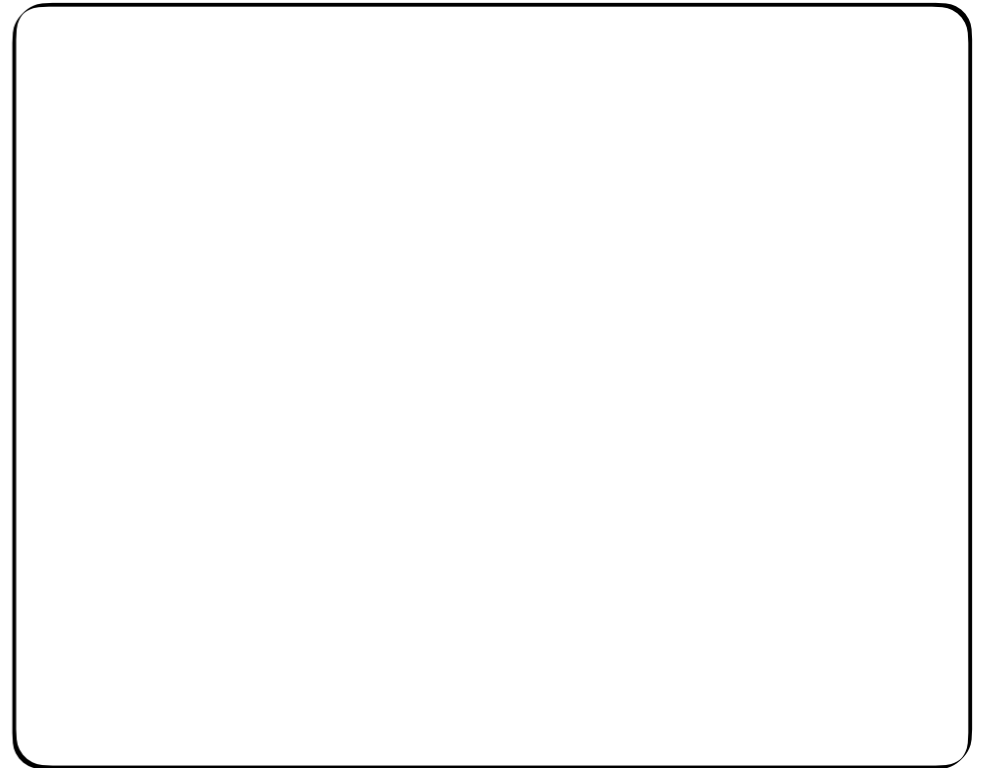
Additional Fun!

NASA Kids Club - variety of activities about outer space & NASA missions

National Geographic Kids - games & learning for animals & nature



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