

# Growing Together

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## Early Learning's Winter Wonderland



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*Simple steps to your child's success.*

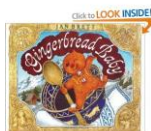
*Did you know that there are many simple things you can do at home to support your child's early learning? Here are some effective and simple tips for you.*

### Read with Me!

#### Did you know?

When you read with me, I get to learn about all kinds of cool things around me. This encourages my curiosity about the world I live in.

**Book:** Gingerbread Baby  
By Jan Brett



Remember how the Gingerbread Boy is eaten by the fox? Well, not this Gingerbread Baby; it's a delicious twist to a favorite old tale.

### Learn with Me!

#### Did you know?

When you come down to my level and maintain eye contact with me, you are showing me that you are involved and interested in what I have to say.

**Early Learning Activities:** Numeracy with play dough



**Time to play:** Play dough can be used for teaching basic math skills. You can do sorting activities, counting activities, size activities (bigger and smaller), addition, and subtraction activities, etc. You can use cookie sheets that are purchased from a dollar store so each child has his/her own work space.



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### Sing with Me!

#### Did you know?

Music helps me improve my listening skills and attention span. Did you ever notice how well I pick up my toys when you sing me a clean-up song?

Dancing snowflakes  
Sung to the tune of "Frère Jacques"

Dancing snowflakes  
Dancing snowflakes  
In the sky  
In the sky  
Whirling, twirling snowflakes  
Whirling, twirling snowflakes  
Up and down  
Up and down



### Play with me!

#### Did you know?

When you pretend play with me, I am learning to get along with others, make compromises, solve problems, and control my emotions.

**Activity:** Let's pretend we work at a restaurant where we make different foods and read recipes. We can create our food with play dough. We can also make some gingerbread cookies.



**Family Literacy Day** takes place annually on January 27<sup>th</sup> to celebrate adults and children reading and learning together, and to encourage Canadians to enjoy a learning activity as a family every day. <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/>