



# CREATIVE KIDS LEARNING CENTRES READY TO READ PROGRAM

## Colebrook Preschool Location

**Registration will start as of MAY 1<sup>st</sup>. each year**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Ready to Read! This program builds on the basic reading and language skills taught through the Fun Family Phonics series. The program uses exciting stories, games and songs to move children from a phonetic understanding of language onto a solid base of reading, printing and spelling.

Ready to Read combines whole language and phonetic teaching constructs to provide a comprehensive early literacy curriculum. There is nothing like a good base in reading to change a child's outlook on learning from drudgery to wonder!

The reading program is designed to make the experience of learning to read very enjoyable. Through fun and interactive teaching methods your child will find they can read each book with confidence, fluency and expression.

### PHILOSOPHY

*"A child's attitude to reading is of such importance that more often than not it determines his/her **scholastic fate**. Moreover, his/her **experience** in learning to read may decide How he/she feels about learning in general, and even Himself/herself as an individual."*

### PHONEMIC AWARENESS

Through learning the correct sounds of each letter in the alphabet and feeling comfortable expressing them, children should be able to divide a word up into sounds, e.g. **cat**. This process starts early reading by being able to recognize the words by sounding them out. Also, being able to put the sounds in correct order as read from a word.

**The purpose of our ready to read program is to foster the interest your child has shown for literacy and build on existing skills to give them the opportunity to advance in an area they have shown an aptitude and enjoyment for.** At the completion of the program each child will have measurable successes in the following areas:

- Phonemic awareness
- An understanding of language rules (vowels, consonants, blended sounds, contractions and many more)
- Reading ability
- Comprehension
- Creative writing skills
- Printing ability
- Presentation skills
- Confidence in their abilities

We understand children and families have many extra curricular commitments these days and with the arrival of **full day Kindergarten**, we find it necessary to restructure our Ready to Read class.

#### **Option 1:**

Traditional program: **2 days per week (covering the full Ready to Read curriculum)** – this program is best suited for Kindergarten, grade one students and home schooled students.

\*Please note that we have, in the past had many students who attended all day Kindergarten and attended our 2 day a week program for a full year. These children enjoyed and excelled greatly without any issues.

#### **Option 2:**

Newly designed program: **1 day per week (covering half the Ready to read curriculum)** – this is for children in full day Kindergarten, grade 1 students and home schooled students.

\*\* At this time, our plan is to have the second part of Ready to Read available the following year for those who have finished year 1 and want to complete the program. More information will follow.

#### **FEES / DAYS:**

**1day / week on Wednesdays is \$65 per month**

**2 days / week on Tuesdays / Thursdays is \$130.00 per month**

#### **HOURS FOR BOTH OPTIONS**

**3:30 pm to 5:00 pm**

Each session consists of a social free play time, group gathering time to review phonemic concepts, table activities time to practice skills required and individual time between students and the teacher, group game time to reinforce phonemic concepts and the introduction of age appropriate reading material for the children to take home for practice.

To enroll your child in The Ready to Read program, please fill out the following registration form along with all of the post dated cheques. Fees are noted as above with a \$35.00 registration fee per child. Fees are payable in 9 postdated cheques made payable to Creative Kids. Registration form and fee, along with post-dated cheques need to be received in order for your child to be registered. **Program runs Sept. – May each year**

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

\*Homework is always a part of the Ready to Read program, but if you are choosing Option 2, due to the extended period between classes, it is essential for parents to assist with homework and review the material consistently with your child. The teachers will make the homework expectations clear and accessible to parents.

\*\*There will also be a presentation for parents of the Ready to Read program that is mandatory to attend. It will be held at the Colebrook Preschool location **WEDNESDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> at 7:00 pm.** Please mark your calendar now if you plan on enrolling your child. Thank you.

All Children will receive their own binder and pocket pal (to hold supplies) and will bring them to school each session and then home with them at the end of their class. Everything your child needs for the success of the program will be supplied by Creative Kids.

Due to the limited number of students accepted in a setting, (**14:1**), the instructor is able to offer each child personal attention and skill building according to the child's ability.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Christian at 604-560-5002 or [info@creativekidspreschool.ca](mailto:info@creativekidspreschool.ca)

Please visit our website, [www.creativekidslearningcenters.ca](http://www.creativekidslearningcenters.ca) to read all the testimonials written by parents over the years regarding our popular Ready to Read Program.

### **QUOTE**

“The [Ready to read program](#) has been a fantastic experience for our son James. Initially we were concerned the after school classes might be too much. Not So! James is always enthusiastic to attend and his desire to learn and read everything has been so rewarding. Becky does a great job challenging the children with an emphasis on fun. We highly recommend the program and look forward to our daughter joining next year.

I can't say enough about how surprised and IMPRESSED our whole experience has been. I think the biggest reason more parents don't enroll is the concern it will be too much with the adjustments to kindergarten. We didn't think James would last this long but he is so enthusiastic to attend. Even if he's outside playing with kids if I say, Ready to Read time he's in the house. He loves showing his binder to family and friends and constantly repeats what he has learned. This truly is a fantastic program and I know a big part of the success is Becky's teaching skills and warmth.”

Jodi & Dave Deering

Sincerely,  
Sandra Christian  
Owner/Director  
Creative Kids Learning Centers