





The Lloydminster & Area Early Years Coalition is excited to celebrate National Child Day virtually this year! The Journey of Fun is full of exciting activities to do with your family over the next three weeks! *Click on each box below to play and explore at home* with your children. Once you have completed some activities, please fill out the short survey by **December 10th**. Your name will be entered in a draw on December 11th for some fantastic prizes! Thank you for celebrating National Child Day virtually with us this year!









Check out the many child and family resources available in Lloydminster & Area, visit: http://earlyyearsmattermost.ca/programs-resources/discover-the-family-side-of-lloydminster/

PLAY is an important part of healthy child development. You are your child's best teacher! They will learn the most about the world from you. By playing with your child at home you are helping them:

- Reduce stress
- Build responsive relationships
- Develop life skills such as confidence, self-esteem, social skills, and coping with challenging situations

PLAY can be divided into three types:

- Active play involves action and whole-body movements such as tummy time, running, jumping, kicking, throwing and catching.
- Creative play uses hands and minds to build and create. This includes arts, crafts, blocks and puzzles.
- **Pretend play** uses language and thinking skills to learn about the world, develop imagination and solve problems. This includes acting out real-life and imaginary situations.

You can weave all three types of play into everyday activities with your child. So go ahead and play! It will help you feel better too!



And for more great resources, check out: <u>More Play, Play More</u> <u>Healthy Together</u>