

## Is this program right for your child?

- Is your child potentially struggling with a Learning Disability?  
*(See the 'What is a learning disability?' section on inside)*
- Is your child between the ages of 4 and 6?
- Is your child behind in their emergent literacy skills?

## Reading Rocks Jr. Fall 2017

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**(Excluding the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> & October 31<sup>st</sup>)**

### **Locations** (Tentative)

**St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Fort Erie & Fonthill**

Apply online at  
**[www.LDANiagara.org](http://www.LDANiagara.org)**

*LDA Member Program Fee \$50  
(Family membership fee \$50/year)*

*Subsidy available*



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## Reading Rocks Junior

(Ages 4 – 6)  
Fall 2017



Early Literacy Intervention  
Program

**Applications open on  
August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at  
6:00am**

Programs run from  
October – December  
2017



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# Reading Rocks Junior

Reading Rocks Junior is an early intervention program for children who are at-risk of future reading difficulties because of a Learning Disability. This program is designed for children ages four to six years old who are behind in their emergent literacy skills (i.e. letter names and sounds, vocabulary, and printing). While participating in Reading Rocks Junior, children will work on increasing their literacy skills within a small group setting and have an opportunity to work one-on-one in the area of their greatest need.

## Program Breakdown

**Interactive Story Time:** Children will be exposed to print awareness, comprehension and more.

**Phonics:** Children will work on the letter names and sounds they have yet to master through various interactive activities and games.

**Vocabulary:** Children will be exposed to early vocabulary (i.e. the, at, you, my) through engaging activities.

**Printing:** Children will practice printing their target letters and working on hand-eye coordination activities.

**One-on-One:** Children will be given one-on-one support throughout the program focusing in on their target letters/sounds and sight words.

*Program includes a fun, engaging and informative parent session!*

## Importance of Early Literacy

- Critical neurological development and growth occurs at a young age.
- Children's early literacy achievements in preschool and kindergarten have been demonstrated to be significantly predictive of their later reading success.

## What is a learning disability?

A learning disability (LD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder that:

- affects the ability to process information in an effective manner in **children with intellectual abilities that are at least in the average range;**
- results in academic underachievement that is **inconsistent with the intellectual abilities of the child** and/or academic achievement that can be maintained by the child only with extremely high levels of effort and/or with additional support.
- Types of LD's: Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia, Auditory Processing Disorder

