


# AUGUST

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b> Story Sunday: Read <i>Meerkat Splash</i> by Aura Parker.	<b>31</b> Play with opposites: reach high and low, take big and little steps, sit down, stand up.	<b>Better Beginnings at Home</b> Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.			<i>Books, rhymes and songs are suggestions only. Substitute any titles you can't find or songs you don't know with books, rhymes and songs that you already love.</i>	<b>1</b> Count things you see when you go on a car trip. Read <i>On the Way to Nana's House</i> by Frances and Lindsay Haii-Ali.
<b>2</b> It's Story Sunday: Read <i>Can You Guess?</i> by Emma Middleton.	<b>3</b> Go on a rhyme hunt. Look for things in your house that rhyme e.g. sock and clock.	<b>4</b> It's Singalong Tuesday! Sing "A Smooth Road to London Town".	<b>5</b> Make and decorate a letter box together. Write, post and deliver notes to family members!	<b>6</b> Do you know what you call a baby echidna? Read <i>What Do You Call a Baby...?</i> by Kamsani Bin Salleh.	<b>7</b> Hide a few objects in a bag or a box. Guess what the objects are by just by touch. Don't peek!	<b>8</b> Celebrate International Cat Day with <i>Hats Are Not for Cats</i> by Jacqueline K. Rayner.
<b>9</b> It's Story Sunday: Read <i>Wibble Wobble</i> by Jen Storer.	<b>10</b> Play with puppets. Encourage your child to make the puppet talk and to talk to the puppet.	<b>11</b> It's Singalong Tuesday! Sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star".	<b>12</b> Print out pictures of animals or cut out pictures from magazines and make an animal book.	<b>13</b> What's special to you about where you live? Read <i>My Country</i> by Ezekiel Kwaymullina.	<b>14</b> Play with toy telephones and have conversations together.	<b>15</b> Sing a number rhyme like "Five Fat Peas". Count the peas (fingers) before they burst out of the pod!
<b>16</b> It's Story Sunday: Read <i>Octopants</i> by Suzy Senior.	<b>17</b> Talk with your child about an experience you shared over the weekend.	<b>18</b> It's Singalong Tuesday! Sing "I'm So Glad to See You".	<b>19</b> Collect a few cardboard boxes of different sizes to build a box construction.	<b>20</b> Read <i>Duck! Rabbit!</i> by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld.	<b>21</b> Have an indoor picnic. Spread a tablecloth or rug on the floor and enjoy a picnic feast.	<b>22</b> Read a counting book. Try <i>123</i> by Xavier Deneuve.
<b>23</b> It's Story Sunday: Read <i>Old MacDonal'd Had a Farm</i> by Matt Shanks.	<b>24</b> Ask your child to make the sounds of the wind, rain, cars and animals.	<b>25</b> It's Singalong Tuesday! Say the rhyme "This is Big".	<b>26</b> Celebrate International Dog Day with <i>George</i> by Pat Simmons.	<b>27</b> Listen to an audio book story. Borrow Box is free to access with your library card.	<b>28</b> Pushing ribbons into an empty plastic bottle is a fun fine motor play for young children.	<b>29</b> Mark special days on a calendar. Count how many days until your next special event.