

# JANUARY 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Start the year by reading your favourite book!	<b>2</b> Read "Possum Magic" by Mem Fox	<b>3</b> Ball games help to develop a child's strength, flexibility and coordination skills.	<b>4</b> Can you make a block tower taller than your own body?
<b>5</b> Story Sunday: Read <i>Heads and Tails Underwater</i> by John Canty.	<b>6</b> How many words can you think of that rhyme with "cat"? Rhymes are words that sound the same at the ends.	<b>7</b> Sing "The Wheels on the Bus" together. Talk about bus rides you and your child have taken.	<b>8</b> Using scissors is a great way to build hand strength. If paper is too hard to cut, try cutting playdough.	<b>9</b> Read a recipe and make something delicious together. Name the tools you use as you cook together.	<b>10</b> Play with dress ups. Encourage your child to tell a story in their costume.	<b>11</b> Look up at the sky tonight. Can you see the moon? If you can, talk about what shape it is.
<b>12</b> Story Sunday: Read <i>A First Time for Everything</i> by Tiffany Hall and Ed Kavalee.	<b>13</b> Screen time is not recommended for children under 2 years, but sharing books together is perfect!	<b>14</b> Music makes words easier to remember. Sing songs with your child every day.	<b>15</b> Sing and clap the alphabet song. Try singing the alphabet to different tunes.	<b>16</b> Visit your local library today and borrow some picture books.	<b>17</b> Playing with interlocking blocks helps make little hands strong and ready to write.	<b>18</b> Borrow a factual book about your favourite Australian animal at your local public library.
<b>19</b> Story Sunday: Read <i>That's Not My Koala</i> by Fiona Watt.	<b>20</b> When your baby babbles, repeat the sounds, turn them into words and encourage with smiles.	<b>21</b> Share a sing-able book like <i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> by Michael Rosen.	<b>22</b> How many yellow things are there in your wardrobe?	<b>23</b> What does <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> eat on Thursday? Read Eric Carle's book to find out.	<b>24</b> Play lays the foundation for literacy. Children practice sounds and new words as they play.	<b>25</b> Gather plastic items such as a plastic bottle, a cup, a bag and a toy. How are they the same? How are they different?
<b>26</b> Story Sunday: Read <i>Australian Baby Animals</i> by Frané Lessac.	<b>27</b> Find out when Rhyme Time is happening at your local public library and join in!	<b>28</b> Borrow a book of nursery rhymes and songs from your local public library.	<b>29</b> B is for book. Does anyone in your family have a name that starts with B?	<b>30</b> Find your biggest book and your smallest book and read them both.	<b>31</b> Play with toy animals and have fun making the animal noises and saying animal names.	