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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WIN ONE OF TEN PICTURE BOOK PRIZE PACKS! To enter, LIKE Better Beginnings on Facebook and COMMENT on our daily posts showing us your home literacy activities from the calendar to be in the running to win 10 beautiful picture books.			1 Ask your child to draw a picture inspired by their favourite book.	2 Read <i>I Don't Want to Be Quiet</i> by Laura Ellen Anderson.	3 Play restaurants. Write menus, draw place mats, fold napkins, take orders.	4 Create a collage! Use stickers, wrapping paper, catalogues or newspaper.
5 Story Sunday! Read a fairytale.	6 Go on a sound hunt! Plan a walk around your backyard or your neighbourhood to listen to sounds.	7 Singalong Tuesday! Do the Hokey Pokey! Sing the song and do the actions too.	8 Play with play dough. Roll it into a ball, then squash it flat.	9 Use your library membership card to log into Story Box Library and find a story about animals.	10 Playing with bubbles helps young children to develop hand-eye coordination.	11 Take a crayon and some paper outside and make some rubbing pictures.
12 Story Sunday! Read a cumulative story like <i>There Was an Old Sailor</i> by Claire Saxby.	13 Race toy cars and talk about which came first, second and third.	14 Singalong Tuesday! Sing and bounce to "Humpty Dumpty".	15 Make a mask out of a paper plate.	16 Read <i>At the Beach I See</i> by Kamsani Bin Salleh.	17 Create a prop box with interesting objects to spark your child's pretend play.	18 Talk together about creatures that live in the ocean. Have you ever been swimming in the sea?
19 Story Sunday! Read a wordless or nearly wordless book like <i>Sunshine</i> by Jan Ormerod.	20 Discuss how foods look and feel with your child. Ask them "Which is crunchy, which is smooth?"	21 Singalong Tuesday! Sing and do the actions to "I'm a Little Teapot".	22 Make the first letter of your name out of blocks.	23 Visit your library to borrow a nursery rhyme or poetry book or a rhyming story.	24 Can you hop like a kangaroo? What other animals hop or jump?	25 Make a noisemaker and shake along to your favourite rhymes and songs.
26 Story Sunday! Read your favourite story today!	27 Find a torch and make shadows. Talk about how you can make big and small shadows.	28 Singalong Tuesday! Say the "One Elephant in the Bathtub" rhyme.	29 Squirt some shaving cream on a tray and practice writing letters in it.	30 Read <i>I Love Me</i> by Sally Morgan and Ambelin Kwaymullina.	31 Go on a bear hunt. Hide a teddy and give simple instructions and hints for finding it.	<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>