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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Story Sunday: Read <i>By the Billabong</i> by Maura Finn and Cate James.	2 Look at a map of Australia together. Find and point out where you live on the map.	3 Sing-along Tuesday! Sing "We're Going to Kalgoorlie".	4 Play with letter stencils. Trace letters, colour them in and talk about the sounds the letters make.	5 Demanding a favourite book over and over is a natural part of early childhood. Repetition helps children learn!	6 Use a puppet to help read a story aloud. Your child could then use the puppet to retell the story to you!	7 Talk about where honey comes from and sing "Here Is the Beehive".
8 Story Sunday: Celebrate NAIDOC Week by reading <i>Our Country</i> by Ezekiel Kwavmullina.	9 Play with rhymes! Say a word and see if your child can think of or make up a word that rhymes	10 Sing-along Tuesday! Sing "D-I-N-G-O".	11 Look for and point out patterns and sequences today e.g. stripes on clothes and sequences in stories.	12 Today is Australian Reading Hour. Stop what you're doing and read to the children in your life!	13 Write letters or draw pictures in the sand or dirt!	14 Talk with your child about the seasons and the changes in weather that are happening where you live.
15 Story Sunday: Read <i>Too Many Pears</i> by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley.	16 Talk about the differences between the front and back covers of your favourite book.	17 Sing together whenever you have the chance! Sing anytime, anywhere!	18 Go on a circle hunt today. Look for circles wherever you go!	19 Point out and read words out loud that you see when you are out e.g., street signs, traffic signs, roadwork signs.	20 Hide toys in a bag. Give your children clues as you sing "There is Someone Who is Hiding" and see if they can guess what it is.	21 Sing "Let's Make the Colour Pink" and talk about how some colours mix to make new colours.
22 Story Sunday: Read <i>The Hole Story</i> by Kelly Canby.	23 What does a cow say? Talk about cows with your child.	24 Sing-along Tuesday! Sing "Giddy Up".	25 Write your child's name and point out the shape and sound of the first letter.	26 Visit your local public library and borrow a book about your favourite Australian animal.	27 Playing with shape sorters can help children to recognise different shapes, sizes and colours.	28 Offer your toddler or preschooler lots of chances to practice their scissor skills.
29 Story Sunday: Read <i>Wibble Wobble</i> , written by Jen Storer and illustrated by Lisa Stewart.	30 Respond to your baby's smiles and first sounds – these are the beginnings of conversations!	Better Beginnings at Home Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.		<i>Books, rhymes and songs mentioned 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>		