



# SEPTEMBER 2021



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Books, rhymes, and songs mentioned here 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.		<b>1 Sing</b> Sing a song that is a little story, like "1,2,3,4,5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive".	<b>2 Write</b> Make a picture with stickers, then make up a story about the picture.	<b>3 Play</b> Share a favourite story without reading it from a book.	<b>4 Read</b> Read <i>A Human for Kingsley</i> by Gabriel Evans.
<b>5 FATHER'S DAY</b> Happy Father's Day! Read <i>Wild About Dads</i> by Philip Bunting.	<b>6 Read</b> Read <i>Owl Babies</i> by Martin Waddell.	<b>7 Talk</b> Read a book with a repeating phrase. Encourage your child to join in with the phrase!	<b>8 Sing</b> It's Sing-along Wednesday! Act out "There Were Five in the Bed".	<b>9 Write</b> Make craft stick puppets and act out a story.	<b>10 Play</b> Play with a felt board set together. Make up a story with your felt characters.	<b>11 Read</b> Story Saturday! Read <i>Mrs Honey's Hat</i> by Pam Adams.
<b>12 STEM</b> Read <i>You Can't Count on Dinosaurs</i> by Philip Ardagh.	<b>13 Read</b> Re-read favourite books to help your child learn about how stories are told.	<b>14 Talk</b> Today is Australian Reading Hour. Take an hour to read to your children and for yourself!	<b>15 Sing</b> Plan to visit your public library for Rhyme Time or Story Time.	<b>16 Write</b> Make a tracing of your child's hand into a fish picture together.	<b>17 Play</b> Make a table tent with a sheet or blanket. Pretend to go camping!	<b>18 Read</b> Story Saturday! Read <i>When the Waterhole Dries Up</i> by Kaye Baillie.
<b>19 STEM</b> Look in your house and find the smallest shoe and the biggest shoe. Who do they belong to?	<b>20 Read</b> Read <i>Sam's Bush Journey</i> by Sally Morgan. Tell a story about when you have in in the bush together.	<b>21 Talk</b> When reading, ask your child, "How did the story start?" and "Then what happened?" and "How did the story end?".	<b>22 Sing</b> Share a singable book like <i>One Potato Two Potatoes</i> by Adam & Charlotte Guillain.	<b>23 Write</b> Help your child thread pipe cleaners through the holes in a colander. Great fine motor skill practice!	<b>24 Play</b> Describe your baby's play. Even before they can speak, babies are learning about stories from you!	<b>25 Read</b> Read a book that is a repeating story, like <i>The Napping House</i> by Audrey Wood.
<b>26 STEM</b> Play with pompoms! Sort into an egg carton by colour or size. Count how many pompoms in each category.	<b>27 Read</b> Read <i>Penguin</i> by Polly Dunbar. What happens to Ben and Penguin in the beginning, middle and end of the story?	<b>28 Talk</b> Tell the story of what you both did yesterday to your child, encouraging them to remember and contribute.	<b>29 Sing</b> It's Sing-along Wednesday! Sing "Hey Diddle Diddle".	<b>30 Write</b> Play with green playdough. Make some speckled frogs and sing "Three Little Speckled Frogs".	Like and follow <b>Better Beginnings</b> on Facebook and Instagram for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.	

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