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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>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.</i>		Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook and Instagram for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.	1 Sing Visit your public library, borrow a song book and sing together!	2 Write Books make perfect presents, include some on your child's gift list.	3 Play Play with a letter, shape or colour jigsaw puzzle.	4 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>The Touch Book</i> by Nicola Edwards.
5 STEM STEM Sunday! Look for squares today and name the objects that you find.	6 Read Read <i>Shine</i> by Danny Parker and Ruth de Vos.	7 Talk Let your child see you read. Talk about how much you love reading and how it is useful.	8 Sing What words can you think of that rhyme with mat?	9 Write Praise your child's writing attempts and respond to what they write.	10 Play Act out a favourite story using dress ups or toys.	11 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>I Can Wear Anything!</i> By Susann Hoffmann.
12 STEM STEM Sunday! Play in the kitchen. Sort cans or containers by colour or size.	13 Read Make sharing a book together fun. Your child will connect books with joy!	14 Talk Plan a visit to your public library to stock up on holiday reading for the whole family!	15 Sing Sing "There is Someone Who is Hiding" and surprise your child with what you reveal!	16 Write Today is Sir Quentin Blake's birthday. Read a book that is written or illustrated by him.	17 Play Do some yoga! You can be a dog, or a cat, or a tree!	18 Read Story Saturday! Read "Slinky Malinki, Christmas Crackers" by Lynley Dodd.
19 STEM STEM Sunday! Look at and describe the different types of letter boxes in your neighbourhood.	20 Read Babies learn lots from your facial expression. Sit so that you can see each other's faces when you read together.	21 Talk When you ride in a car or on a bus or train together, talk about what you see out of the window.	22 Sing What songs have you learnt this year and sung to your child? Sing your favourites.	23 Write Make simple shapes with sticks or craft sticks. Help your child to make matching shapes.	24 Play Playing with a book is the first step towards learning to read. Put a board book in your baby's toy box.	25 Read Have a very merry day with lots of reading, playing, family and fun!
26 STEM STEM Sunday! What temperature is it where you are today? Does that feel hot or cool?	27 Read Read <i>Let's Look At Shapes</i> by Marion Deuchars.	28 Talk What was your child's favourite picture book this year? Read it again!	29 Sing Sing the story of the "Five Little Ducks".	30 Write Look for question marks today. Are there any in your favourite story book?	31 Play Make a mystery box and guess what's inside by touching.	