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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Better Beginnings at Home Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook and Instagram for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar. Instagram: @betterbeginnings_slwa		1 Talk Using a magnetic or foam letter set, find and talk about letters that look similar.	2 Sing When you sing together, you are introducing new words to your child.	3 Write Paint a picture with cotton tips.	4 Play Help your child to incorporate writing into play whenever you can.	5 Read It's Story Saturday! Read <i>The Art of Words</i> by Robert Vescio.
6 STEM Notice and name the tools you use to make, eat, and clean up after breakfast.	7 Read Run your finger under some text as you read to help your child notice the words.	8 Talk Today is Safer Internet Day. Visit esafety.gov.au for tips on keeping your family safe online.	9 Sing Sing the Alphabet Song to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star".	10 Write Point out text in the pictures of books you read, e.g., in speech bubbles or labels.	11 Play Read <i>Rosa's Big Bridge Experiment</i> by Jessica Spanyol. Try building bridges and tunnels.	12 Read It's Story Saturday! Read <i>Stupid Carrots</i> by David Campbell.
13 STEM Colour water yellow, red and blue with food colouring and experiment with colour mixing.	14 Read It's Library Lover's Day. Show the love to your library. Visit, join and borrow from your library!	15 Talk Play hide and seek with a toy and give your child clues about the hiding place.	16 Sing Sing the song of B-I-N-G-O and clap along as you sing the letter names.	17 Write Squirt shaving cream on a safe surface and practice writing in it.	18 Play Play with playdough and make the letter of your child's first name.	19 Read It's Story Saturday! Read <i>This is Not a Book!</i> By Kellie Byrnes.
20 STEM Make a ramp and roll a small ball down it. Observe what happens when the angle of the ramp changes.	21 Read Books like <i>Train Party</i> by Karen Blair that have a repeated phrase, printed in an eye-catching text, makes it easy for children to notice the words.	22 Talk Glue photos of your family into a scrapbook. Talk about who is in the photos, where they are and what they are doing.	23 Sing What colours are on your clothes today? Sing "If You're Wearing Red Today" and stand up if you are wearing red!	24 Write Through drawing and scribbling, children begin to understand the purpose of reading through the process of writing.	25 Play Play with blocks! Children learn problem solving skills and hand-eye coordination through block play.	26 Read It's Story Saturday! Read a factual book on a topic that your child has a special interest in.
27 STEM Have a look at the barcode on your library card. Is your favourite number in your barcode?	28 Read Talk about what happened today and what each of your family members will do tomorrow.			<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>		