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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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 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>				1 Play Find out about school holiday activities at your local public library.	2 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Backyard Beasties</i> by Helen Milroy.
3 STEM It's STEM Sunday! Read <i>Facts Vs Opinions Vs Robots</i> by Michael Rex.	4 Read Reading helps your child build general knowledge, which will help them understand what they later read by themselves.	5 Talk Talk about what books you and your child likes. What do you like about them?	6 Sing Nursery rhymes introduce interesting words and concepts to young children. Sing with your baby today!	7 Write Talk about words your child knows that start with the same letter as the first letter of their name.	8 Play Have a tea party. Set the table and count the plates, cups, and spoons you put out.	9 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>A World Together</i> by Sonia Manzano.	
10 STEM Make patterns with your child using a variety of different shaped and coloured blocks.	11 Read Borrow a non-fiction book about a topic you child loves and share it together.	12 Talk Talk about all the tools you need to do the washing and hang it on the clothesline.	13 Sing Sing "Incy Wincy Spider". Ask your child what they know about spiders.	14 Write Write a letter "D". Now help your child to make the letter out of playdough.	15 Play Play indoor bowling with empty water bottles and a soft ball.	16 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Australian Backyard Birdies</i> by Andy Geppert.	
17 STEM Read <i>How Much Does the Grey in an Elephant Weigh?</i> Adapted by MaryChris Bradley.	18 Read Visit your library to borrow books. Encourage your child to choose some books themselves.	19 Talk Talk through a process like cooking from a recipe. What do you need to do first?	20 Sing Sing-along Wednesday! Sing "Here is the Beehive". What do you know about bees?	21 Write Encourage your child to draw a picture of their favourite animal.	22 Play Read your child a favourite story and encourage them to act it out!	23 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Freaky, Funky Fish</i> by Debra Kempf Shumaker.	
24 STEM Help your child to find all their toys that are yellow. Sort these toys by categories like size, texture, or shape.	25 Read Read a book about animals before you go on a visit to a zoo or museum can help your child to learn even more when they are there.	26 Talk If your child is watching television or clips online, watch with them and ask questions about the topic to see if they want to know more.	27 Sing Singing and reading together helps your child practice their listening skills. Sing your favourite songs when driving in the car!	28 Write Transferring objects using tweezers or tongs can help young children develop fine motor skills needed to learn to write.	29 Play Find toys that represent one of your child's favourite books to act out the story.	30 Read Story Saturday! Read a book from the <i>Head and Tails</i> series by John Canty.	