



MAY 2022

Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 STEM Make a kite together. What materials did you need? Fly it outside on a windy day.	2 Read Read <i>The A in the Rainforest</i> by Judith Barker.	3 Talk Look at a keyboard and help your child to name the letters and make their sounds.	4 Sing Sing the "Alphabet Song".	5 Write Shape a simple scone dough into letters, then bake and eat!	6 Play Play with blocks. Sort by colour or shape and play matching games.	7 Read It's Story Saturday! Read <i>My Mama</i> by Annemarie van Haeringen.
8 STEM Happy Mother's Day! Read <i>My Mum is Magnificent</i> by Roald Dahl.	9 Read Plan a visit to your local public library to borrow books (and more!). Find out if they have a Story Time session to visit too!	10 Talk Use interesting words to describe the weather. Is it sunny today? Is the wind blowing a gale?	11 Sing Read <i>Bonnie and Ben Rhyme Again</i> by Mem Fox. Say the nursery rhymes in the book together!	12 Write Write in front of your child for lots of different purposes. Spell some words aloud.	13 Play Make a magnetic letter fishing game with magnets, paperclips, sticks and string.	14 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Let's Look at Colours</i> by Marion Deuchars.
15 STEM Design a house for your favourite toy and build it out of blocks, boxes, or pillows.	16 Read Read <i>A is For Australian Animals</i> by Frané Lessac.	17 Talk Talk about something that's very heavy and something that's very light.	18 Sing Sing "If You're Wearing Red Today". Sing about lots of different colours!	19 Write Make a picture of fluffy clouds in the sky by collaging with cotton wool.	20 Play Play with magnetic letters or an alphabet puzzle.	21 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Chatterpuss</i> by Josh Pyke.
22 STEM It's STEM Sunday! Draw or paint a picture. Talk about what tools you are using e.g., paint brush, pencil, table, easel, paper.	23 Read This week is Library and Information Week. Visit your public library and borrow lots of books!	24 Talk Using any book, talk about the shapes you see in books. What is the shape of the book itself?	25 NSS Today is National Simultaneous Storytime! Read <i>Family Tree</i> by Josh Pyke.	26 Write Go on a letter hunt. Look for the first letter of your child's first name in books and on signs.	27 Play Play with shape sorters. Talk about each shape: the number of sides and if the sides are curvy or straight.	28 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Shapes and Colours</i> by John Canty.
29 STEM Make a ramp out of a piece of cardboard. Roll a ball down it. What happens when you make the ramp steeper?	30 Read Read <i>Shapes of Australia</i> by Bronwyn Bancroft.	31 Talk Ask your child if they can think of any words that rhyme with rain. It's ok if their answers are not real words!	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>	