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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>31 STEM</b> STEM Sunday! Read <i>On the Way to Nana's</i> by Frances Haji-Ali.	Like and follow <b>Better Beginnings</b> 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>			<b>1 Play</b> Roll playdough into a long strip and curl it into a spiral to make a snail's shell.	<b>2 Read</b> Story Saturday! Read <i>Whisper on the Wind</i> by Claire Saxby.
<b>3 NAIDOC WEEK</b> NAIDOC Week starts today! It's an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures.	<b>4 NAIDOC WEEK</b> Read <i>Backyard Birds</i> by Helen Milroy. Observe birds that live near you do and describe what they look like.	<b>5 NAIDOC WEEK</b> Read <i>Ceremony</i> by Adam Goodes. Talk to your child about ceremonies your family celebrates.	<b>6 NAIDOC WEEK</b> Read <i>Sharing</i> by Aunty Fay Muir. Discuss ways that your family cares for the country you live on.	<b>7 NAIDOC WEEK</b> Read <i>Today's Sun</i> by Gregg Dreise. Draw a picture about what you did today.	<b>8 NAIDOC WEEK</b> Download the <i>Our Yarning</i> app for Android and read books for early readers by Indigenous authors.	<b>9 NAIDOC WEEK</b> It's Story Saturday! Read <i>Open Your Heart to Country</i> by Jasmine Seymour.
<b>10 NAIDOC WEEK</b> Read <i>Numbers All Around Us</i> by Rachael Sarra. Count your way through the incredible artwork of Aboriginal artist Rachael Sarra.	<b>11 Read</b> Read <i>Noni the Pony Counts to a Million</i> by Alison Lester. What's the biggest number that you can count to?	<b>12 Talk</b> Hide things around the house and go on a torchlight hunt. Describe what you are looking for and where you look.	<b>13 Sing</b> Singing to babies and young children helps them to learn, understand and remember new words.	<b>14 Write</b> Point out the first letter of your child's name whenever you see it – in books, on signs, when you are writing a list.	<b>15 Play</b> Children's Book Week is next month. Start planning your costume ideas! "Dreaming With Eyes Open..." is this year's theme.	<b>16 Read</b> Story Saturday! Read <i>Every Thing You Want to See</i> by Kyle Hughes-Odgers.
<b>17 STEM</b> STEM Sunday! Try to blow a cotton ball or feather along a table or the floor.	<b>18 Read</b> Visit your local public library and join in with Rhyme Time or Storytime.	<b>19 Talk</b> Talk to your child about their favourite colour, then go on a colour hunt!	<b>20 Sing</b> Read a singable book like <i>Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree</i> by Marion Sinclair.	<b>21 Write</b> Collage a beautiful flower garden out of flattened patty pans.	<b>22 Play</b> Pretend! Ask your child to pretend to be a firefighter, librarian, teacher, or shop keeper.	<b>23 Read</b> Story Saturday! Read <i>Little One</i> by Jane Goodwin.
<b>24 STEM</b> STEM Sunday! Read <i>Rosa's Big Bridge Experiment</i> by Jessica Spanyol.	<b>25 Read</b> This week is Library and Information Week. Visit your library to celebrate!	<b>26 Talk</b> Read a wordless book like <i>The Boy and the Elephant</i> by Freya Blackwood.	<b>27 Sing</b> Sing "Dance Your Fingers Up".	<b>28 Write</b> Draw a spider's web for your child to trace.	<b>29 Play</b> Act out "Little Miss Muffet" together. Take turns being the spider.	<b>30 Read</b> Story Saturday! Read <i>A Best Friend for Bear</i> by Petr Horáček.

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