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## Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Better Beginnings at Home</b> Like and follow <a href="#">Better Beginnings</a> on Facebook and Instagram for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar. Instagram: @betterbeginnings_slwa			<b>1 Sing</b> Borrow a nursery rhyme or song book from your library and sing together!	<b>2 Write</b> Make a name sign for your child's bedroom. Name the letters on the sign.	<b>3 Play</b> Plan to visit your local library's Rhyme Time or Story Time sessions this month.	<b>4 Read</b> It's Story Saturday! Read <i>The Roar</i> by Eoin McLaughlin.
<b>5 STEM</b> How many animals can you think of that eat grass?	<b>6 Read</b> When babies chew, shake and tear a book, it's how they learn about books and reading.	<b>7 Talk</b> Point out and name some of the parts of a book – front and back covers, spine, title page.	<b>8 Sing</b> Sing "Jack and Jill". Talk about words that might be new for your child – crown, tumbling and caper.	<b>9 Write</b> When you receive letters, point out your name and address to your child.	<b>10 Play</b> Make and decorate a mailbox together. Write, post, and deliver notes to your family.	<b>11 Read</b> It's Story Saturday! Read <i>Thank You Rain!</i> by Sally Morgan.
<b>12 STEM</b> Visit a museum or an art gallery. Talk about what you see while you explore the exhibits.	<b>13 Read</b> Read <i>Snap!</i> By Anna Walker. Run your finger under some of the text to help draw your child's attention to the words.	<b>14 Talk</b> Library Lovers Day! Visit your public library. Talk with your child about how much you love libraries!	<b>15 Sing</b> Sing "Open, Shut Them" and do the actions together.	<b>16 Write</b> Writing starts with scribbling. Give your child lots of chances to practice their "writing".	<b>17 Play</b> Turn a cardboard box into a plaything. You could make a car, a castle, or a puppet theatre!	<b>18 Read</b> It's Story Saturday! Read <i>No! Said Custard the Squirrel</i> by Sergio Ruzzier.
<b>19 STEM</b> Talk about and name the technology (tools) you use to do the washing e.g., washing machine, pegs, washing line.	<b>20 Read</b> Read the numbers and letters on car number plates! Can you find a number plate with a letter in your child's name?	<b>21 Talk</b> When your child has screen time, view it alongside them and ask them questions about what is happening.	<b>22 Sing</b> *Visit the Better Beginnings Rhyme Finder and find a new rhyme or song to sing together!	<b>23 Write</b> Help make words a part of your child's play. Write menus when they play restaurants or signs for pretend shops.	<b>24 Play</b> Play listening games. Can you clap your hands twice and jump once? Put your hands on your knees?	<b>25 Read</b> It's Story Saturday! Read <i>Ten Little Penguins</i> by Mike Brownlow.
<b>26 STEM</b> Cut out triangles from different types of paper. Make a triangle collage.	<b>27 Read</b> Read <i>K is For Kindness</i> by Rina Horiuchi.	<b>28 Talk</b> Name all the red things you can find in your house.	<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>			

\*Better Beginnings Rhyme Finder: <https://www.better-beginnings.com.au/rhyme-finder>