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Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 STEM Find your biggest book and your smallest book and read them both.	30 Read Read <i>I Believe in Me</i> by Emma Dodd.	31 Talk What is triangle-shaped in your house? Look for triangles wherever you are today.	Better Beginnings at Home Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook or @betterbeginnings_slwa on Instagram for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.		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.	
1 STEM Read, talk, sing write and play with your child all year! Start today!	2 Read Welcoming a new baby? Read <i>Welcome to the World</i> by Julia Donaldson.	3 Talk How many words can you think of that rhyme with "cat"? Rhymes are words that sound the same at the ends.	4 Sing Sing "The Wheels on the Bus" together. Talk about bus rides you and your child have taken.	5 Write Playing with interlocking blocks helps make little hands strong and ready to write.	6 Play Collect items that can go in water and test if they float or sink.	7 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Charlie's Whale</i> by Libby Gleeson.
8 STEM Look up at the sky tonight. Can you see the moon? If you can, talk about what shape it is.	9 Read Visit your local library today and borrow some picture books.	10 Talk How many yellow things are there in your wardrobe? Do you have any clothes that are green?	11 Sing Share a sing-able book like <i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> by Michael Rosen.	12 Write Paint with water – on a blackboard or on the footpath!	13 Play Play with dress ups. Encourage your child to tell a story in their costume.	14 Read Read <i>Ruffles and the Cosy, Cosy Bed</i> by David Melling.
15 STEM Read facts from <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar's Very First Encyclopedia</i> – a book for very hungry minds!	16 Read Read <i>A Tiny Light</i> by Alison Lester.	17 Talk What does <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> eat on Tuesday? Read Eric Carle's book to find out.	18 Sing Sing "Here is the Sea. Do you ever go for a swim at the beach?"	19 Write Using scissors is a great way to build hand strength. If paper is too hard to cut, try cutting playdough.	20 Play Make something out of a cardboard box! Read <i>Ship Ahoy! Box Boy</i> by Mal Webster.	21 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>When You Open a Book</i> by Caroline Derlatka.
22 STEM Count the bugs in the book <i>How Many Bugs</i> by Agnese Baruzzi. Look for bugs in your garden.	23 Read Read <i>Beside the Sea</i> by Kerri Day and Jess Racklyeft.	24 Talk Find out when Rhyme Time is happening at your local public library and join in!	25 Sing Sing "Baby Koala".	26 Happy Australia Day! Read <i>Koala Stole My Undies</i> by Kylie Howarth.	27 Play Can you make a block tower longer or taller than your favourite toy?	28 Read It's Story Saturday! Read <i>Bush Mob Counting</i> by Helen Milroy.

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