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## Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Better Beginnings at Home</b> Like and follow <b>Better Beginnings</b> on <b>Facebook</b> or <b>@betterbeginnings_slwa</b> on <b>Instagram</b> for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.</p>			<p><b>1 Sing</b> It's Sing Along Wednesday! Sing 'Johnny Taps with One Hammer'.</p>	<p><b>2 Write</b> Use stickers or rubber stamps to make patterns on paper.</p>	<p><b>3 Play</b> Play catch and throw with a scarf. What shape and colour is the scarf?</p>	<p><b>4 Read</b> Story Saturday! Read <i>10 Cats</i> by Emily Gravett.</p>
<p><b>5 STEM</b> Freeze ice blocks coloured with food colouring. What happens as the ice starts to melt?</p>	<p><b>6 Read</b> Baby echidnas and platypuses are both called puggles. Read 'Two Puggles' by Michelle Guzel.</p>		<p><b>7 Talk</b> Playing with puppets is a great way to help toddlers learn to talk. Have conversations or act our stories.</p>	<p><b>8 Sing</b> Making counting fun helps to develop a positive attitude to maths. Sing 'One Potato' together.</p>	<p><b>9 Australia Reads</b> Join in with Australian Reading Hour. Spend an hour reading and sharing stories with your loved ones today.</p>	<p><b>10 Play</b> Have a tea party for your toys. What is your favourite tea party food?</p>
<p><b>12 STEM</b> Measure your child and record their height. How much have they grown since they were a newborn baby?</p>	<p><b>13 Read</b> Read <i>Say Hooray</i> by Renae Hayward. Say hooray to celebrate something new your child did today!</p>	<p><b>14 Talk</b> Today is the International Day of Mathematics. Read a counting book or say a counting rhyme!</p>	<p><b>15 Sing</b> Have a blast and sing 'Zoom, Zoom, Zoom'!</p>	<p><b>16 Write</b> Read <i>The Dot</i> by Peter H. Reynolds. Paint or draw a dot as a starting point for your own picture.</p>	<p><b>17 Play</b> Sort all the family's hats into colours, shapes or sizes. What is each type of hat used for?</p>	<p><b>18 Read</b> Story Saturday! Read <i>Quack and Count</i> by Keith Baker.</p>
<p><b>19 Harmony Week</b> Harmony Week starts tomorrow! Read <i>I'm An Immigrant Too</i> by Mem Fox (first published as <i>I'm Australian Too</i>).</p>	<p><b>20 Read</b> Celebrate World Storytelling Day by telling a favourite story using toys or felt board figures.</p>	<p><b>21 Talk</b> Today is World Poetry Day. Visit your public library and borrow a book of poetry. Read some rhymes!</p>	<p><b>22 Sing</b> On World Water Day, sing '1,2,3,4,5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive'.</p>	<p><b>23 Write</b> Make playdough! Playing with playdough helps strengthen little hand muscles, getting them ready to write!</p>	<p><b>24 Play</b> Look at a world map or globe. Find Australia on the map. Point to places you have visited.</p>	<p><b>25 Read</b> Story Saturday! Read <i>On the Way to School</i> by Vikki Conley.</p>
<p><b>26 STEM</b> Read <i>If You Were a Penguin</i> by Wendell and Florence Minor.</p>	<p><b>27 Read</b> Read <i>Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On</i> by Lois Ehlert.</p>	<p><b>28 Talk</b> Go for a walk. Observe and describe what types of plants are growing in gardens around you.</p>	<p><b>29 Sing</b> Sing rhymes like 'Three Little Speckled Frogs' will help to develop your child's counting skills.</p>	<p><b>30 Write</b> Mix corn flour and water and food colouring to make oobleck and freeze. Then play!</p>	<p><b>31 Play</b> Make sorting the washing a game of matching. How many matching pairs of socks can you find?</p>	<p><i>Substitute any titles you can't find or songs you don't know with books, rhymes, and songs that you already love.</i></p>

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