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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 STEM Read <i>A is For Australian Reefs</i> by Frané Lessac.		<i>Books, rhymes, and songs mentioned here are suggestions only. Substitute any titles you can't find or songs that you don't know with books, rhymes, and songs that you already love.</i>		Better Beginnings at Home Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.		1 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>The ABC of Cuddles</i> by Sophy Williams
2 International Children's Book Day Ask your child to pick their favourite picture book and read it together!	3 Read Read <i>Pete the Cat: I love My White Shoes</i> by Eric Litwin, art by James Dean.	4 Talk Look through a family photo album with your child. Talk about the people and places in the photos.	5 Sing Say the rhyme 'Five Eggs and Five Eggs'. How many eggs does that add up to?	6 Write Write your child's name – on paper, in sand, or do some air writing together!	7 Play Go on a letter hunt for a letter in your child's name.	8 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Bored No More!</i> By Julie Reiters.
9 STEM Read <i>Shape by Shape</i> by Suse MacDonald. Can you guess what all the shapes combine to make?	10 Read Point out the words on the sides of buses and cars.	11 Talk Play with a shape sorter. Name the shapes and count the number of sides each shape has.	12 Sing Sing the alphabet song to the tune of 'Mary Had a Little Lamb'.	13 Write Scribbling is the first stage of learning to write.	14 Play Play with blocks. Sort by shape and colour and size.	15 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>You Are Loved</i> by Liv Downing.
16 STEM Explore your house for materials and objects that you can use to make a bridge.	17 Read Look through an alphabet book together today. Start with first letter of your child's name.	18 Talk Recognising shapes helps children get ready to recognise letters. Point out circles today.	19 Sing Sing 'One Little Red Fish'. Now try singing about blue or green fish!	20 Write Play with playdough. How long is the longest piece you can roll?	21 Play Play with magnetic letters. Sort them by colours or put them in order.	22 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Mouse Shapes</i> by Ellen Stoll Walsh.
23 World Book Day Today is World Book and Copyright Day. Plan to visit your local public library to borrow some books this week.	24 Read Find two pictures of a dog in picture books. Talk about how the dogs are different, and what about them is the same.	25 Talk Young children need between 5-12 seconds to listen to a question, think of an answer and speak it.	26 Sing Sing about the dog called 'B-I-N-G-O'!	27 Write Make a ribbon wand by sticking streamers to a cardboard tube. Dance with your wand to your favourite songs.	28 Play Can you touch your left knee with your right elbow? Or your right knee with your left elbow?	29 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Dear Zoo</i> by Rod Campbell. Name the shapes and colours of each of the boxes.