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Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Better Beginnings at Home Like and follow Better Beginnings 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 that you don't know with books, rhymes, and songs that you already love.</i>		1 Write Welcome to winter! Draw a picture of what the weather is like where you live.	2 Play Play with a jigsaw. Make your own by cutting up picture.	3 Read Story Saturday! <i>Read Tiny Tradies</i> by Tami Sussman.
4 STEM Make the colour green with blue and yellow paint. What other colours can you make?	5 Read Read <i>Parcel for Penguin</i> by Shelley-Knoll Miller.	6 Talk Do you have any pets? Talk about pets that you know. Which pet has the best name?	7 Sing Sing <i>Incy Wincy Spider</i> . You are the waterspout and your child's hand is the spider, then swap roles!	8 Write Paint a picture on foil. Wrap the foil around cardboard to make it a sturdier surface.	9 Play Make a simple obstacle course for your child. Talk about going over, under, up and down.	10 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Lost</i> by Mariajo Ilustrajo.
11 STEM Building challenge: what can you build from only 15 building blocks?	12 Read Read <i>Carry Me</i> by Georgie Birkett. Is there something that you ALWAYS want? A carry? A cuddle?	13 Talk Read <i>Twenty Questions</i> by Mac Barnett and talk about the questions asked in the book. Do they all have answers?	14 Sing Sing in the bath tonight to celebrate International Bath Day!	15 Write Today is Thursday. Write a big letter T and see if your child can turn it into a drawing.	16 Play Cut off the fingers of rubber gloves and turn them into finger puppets.	17 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>The Bowerbird</i> by Julia Donaldson.
18 STEM Experiment with magnets. Collect different objects from around your house. Which are magnetic?	19 Read Read <i>Pasta!</i> by Felice Arena. Look at different pastas at the shop or in your pantry and talk about their shapes.	20 Talk Read <i>I Hear You, Ocean</i> by Kallie George. Stop and listen and talk about the sounds you hear around you now.	21 Sing Say the rhyme 'Round and Round the Garden'. Circle your finger on your child's palm or foot or tummy.	22 Write Find items like cardboard tubes, crumpled foil & plastic lids to use for printmaking.	23 Play I spy with my little eye something... coloured red! Find and name the red things in your house.	24 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>When I Am Big</i> by Karen Blair.
25 Read your favourite Eric Carle book to celebrate the author's birthday. He would have turned 94 today.	26 Read Read <i>I am Oliver the Otter</i> by Pam Ayres.	27 Talk Read <i>Chester Van Chime Who Forgot How to Rhyme</i> by Avery Monsen.	28 Sing Sing 'Are you Sleeping?' to your child as a lullaby tonight.	29 Write Squirt a small amount of paint in different colours in a zip lock bag. No mess finger painting!	30 Play Blow bubbles today. Blowing bubbles can strengthen the muscles for talking – and it's lots of fun!	

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