



MAY 2023

Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Books, rhymes, and songs mentioned here are suggestions only. Substitute any with songs, rhymes, or books that you already know.</i>	1 Read Read <i>The Pigeon Will Ride the Rollercoaster</i> by Mo Willems.	2 Talk Talk about the weather! Make up a weather chart and record your observations each day.	3 Sing Sing a lullaby at bedtime tonight.	4 Write Use plastic tweezers to transfer small objects from one container to another.	5 Play Build a cubby house with a table and a blanket.	6 Read It's Story Saturday! Read <i>Pocket Treasure</i> by Wenda Shurety.
7 STEM Use play dough to make a pretend pizza. Divide the pizza into halves, quarters, and eighths.	8 Read Read <i>Ballet Kids</i> by Holly Sterling.	9 Talk Draw with chalk on a blackboard or on a pavement. Talk about what your child draws.	10 Sing Singalong Wednesday! Say the rhyme 'Pat Your Head'.	11 Write Make a card for Mother's Day for Mum or someone else who is special to you.	12 Play Read rhyming books and play rhyming games together every day.	13 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Owl Babies</i> by Martin Waddell.
14 Mother's Day Happy Mother's Day! Read <i>Duckling Runs Away</i> by Margaret Wild.	15 Read Read <i>Dorrie</i> by Tania McCartney. It's the story of Dorothy Wall, creator of <i>Blinky Bill</i> .	16 Talk Talk about things that you can see at night that you can't see during the day.	17 Sing Download the <i>Bright Tomorrows</i> app and join the <i>A Rhyme a Day Growth Course</i> .	18 Write Creating art by scrunching, tearing and gluing paper helps little hands get strong!	19 Play Pretend you are going to the moon. What will you need for your trip?	20 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> by Nick Bland.
21 STEM Draw a picture of a rainbow. Can you name all the colours?	22 Read Visit your public library and borrow lots of books this week! Then curl up together and read them!	23 Talk Ask your child to point to and name their teddy's eyes, ears, mouth, and head.	24 NSS Today is National Simultaneous Storytime! Read <i>The Speedy Sloth</i> by Rebecca Young.	25 Write Draw a pizza and cut it up. How many pieces do you need for your family?	26 Play Play a guessing game. Eye spy, with my little eye, something that is...purple.	27 Read Celebrate National Reconciliation Week by reading <i>Somebody's Land</i> by Adam Goodes.
28 Read Watch <i>Colour Me</i> by Ezekiel Kwaymullina being read by Ellen van Neerven on Story Box Library.	29 Read Read <i>Cheeky Animals</i> by Shane Morgan.	30 Read Watch Adam Briggs read his book <i>Our Home Our Heartbeat</i> on Story Box Library.	31 Read Read <i>Bush Mob Counting</i> by Helen Milroy.			Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook or @betterbeginnings_slwa on Instagram for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.