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Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook or Instagram for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.	WIN A BOOK PACK! Watch our social media channels for details of how to be in the running to win!	1 Talk Read <i>Where Have You Been, Little Cat?</i> by Richard Jones.	2 Sing Celebrate Library and Information Week by visiting your public library's next Rhyme Time or Story Time!	3 Write Make the letters of your child's name out of play dough. Make the sounds and feel the shape of each letter.	4 Play Have a dance party! Play your favourite music and dance around the house together.	5 Read Read <i>Kitty & Cat: Opposites Attract</i> by Mirka Hokkanen.
6 STEM Look for things at your house that are made of wood. Talk about where wood comes from.	7 Read Read <i>The Worst Dog in the World</i> by Michel Streich.	8 Talk It's International Cat Day! Talk with your child about cats they know – real or fictional, big, or small!	9 Sing Read a singable book like <i>Hey Diddle Diddle</i> by Matt Shanks.	10 Write Drawing and painting on a vertical surface such as an easel helps develop hand strength for writing.	11 Play Jump like a kangaroo, slither like a snake, dig like a wombat and flap like a magpie.	12 Science Week Today is the start of Science Week! Read <i>Something Wonderful</i> by Raewyn Caisley.
13 STEM Do you have a green thumb? Read <i>Garden Time</i> by Jill McDonald. Plant a garden and watch it grow together.	14 Read Explore the <i>Rosa</i> series of books by Jessica Spanyol. Rosa loves science!	15 Talk Make predictions about which items will sink and which will float at bath time tonight.	16 Sing Sing 'What's The Weather' and observe the weather where you are today.	17 Write Make a pair of colour changing binoculars out of cardboard tubes and cellophane.	18 The Children's Book of the Year Award is announced today: https://cbca.org.au/	19 Book Week Read <i>Grow Inspire</i> – visit your public library and borrow books that inspire you!
20 Book Week Read the Shortlist! Read <i>Where the Lyrebird Lives</i> by Vikki Conley.	21 Book Week Read the Shortlist! Read <i>Lionel and Me</i> by Corinne Fenton.	22 Book Week Read the Shortlist! Read <i>Market Day</i> by Carrie Gallasch.	23 Book Week Read the Shortlist! Read <i>Bev and Kev</i> by Katrina Germein.	24 Book Week Read the Shortlist! Read <i>Jigsaw: A Puzzle in the Post</i> by Bob Graham.	25 Book Week Read the Shortlist! Read <i>Snap!</i> by Anna Walker.	26 Read It's International Dog Day! Read <i>Clyde the Greyhound</i> by Beck Feiner & Robin Feiner.
27 STEM Plant tomato seeds or seedlings and watch them grow.	28 Read Read <i>Too Many Cats!</i> By Maura Finn. How many cats would be too many for you?	29 Talk Talk about your favourite fruit. Describe the shape, colour, smell, texture, and taste.	30 Sing Sing 'Rags the Dog'. Singing helps your child to learn and remember new words.	31 Write Writing starts with scribbling. Give your child lots of chances to practice their "writing".	<i>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.</i>	