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Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 STEM STEM Sunday! Read <i>Meet the Weather</i> by Caryl Hart.	31 Read Today is the start of Library and Information Week. Visit your favourite library!	<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>			Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook or Instagram for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.	1 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Blue Baboon Finds Her Tune</i> by Helen Docherty.
2 NAIDOC WEEK NAIDOC Week starts today! It's an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures.	3 NAIDOC WEEK Read <i>Animals All Around Us</i> by Melanie Hava.	4 NAIDOC WEEK Read <i>Ceremony</i> by Adam Goodes and Ellie Laing, illustrated by David Hardy.	5 NAIDOC WEEK Read <i>Owl and Star</i> by Helen Milroy.	6 NAIDOC WEEK Read <i>Who Saw Turtle?</i> by Ros Moriarty, illustrated by Balarinji.	7 NAIDOC WEEK Read <i>Baby Business</i> by Jasmine Seymour.	8 NAIDOC WEEK Read <i>Lucky and Spike</i> by Norma MacDonald.
9 NAIDOC WEEK Read <i>The Butterfly Garden</i> by Michael Torres, illustrated by Ferns Martins.	10 Read Read <i>We Might See</i> by Charlie Mylie. What might you see if you walk outside?	11 Talk Go on a sound hunt! Plan a walk around your backyard or your neighbourhood to listen to sounds.	12 Sing Warm up your fingers (and voice!) by doing the actions to 'Open, Shut Them' as you sing the song.	13 Write An uppercase A is like a triangle. Cut a letter A out of sandpaper so that your child can feel the shape.	14 Play Children's Book Week is next month. 'Read Grow Inspire' is this year's theme. What will your costume be?	15 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Blueberry Farm</i> by Stephen Michael King.
16 STEM Tiny paleontologists will love <i>The Big Book of Dinosaurs</i> by Jenny Wren.	17 Read Read <i>The Kangaroo of Humpty Doo</i> by Marcia Vaughan.	18 Talk How many animals can you think of that have names that start with B?	19 Sing Are you happy? Sing 'If You're Happy and You Know It'.	20 Write Make a mask out of a paper plate.	21 Play Can you hop like a kangaroo? What other animals hop or jump?	22 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>A Friend For George</i> by Gabriel Evans.
23 STEM Talk about the birds that you see where you live. How many different types can you name?	24 Read Read <i>Our Dragon</i> by Mem Fox.	25 Talk Discuss how foods look and feel with your child. Ask them "Which is crunchy, which is smooth?"	26 Sing Sing a lullaby to your child tonight. Singing has the power to calm you and your child!	27 Write Play with an alphabet puzzle. Feel the shapes and make the sounds of the letters.	28 Play Playing with bubbles helps young children to develop hand-eye coordination.	29 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Cat's Very Good Day</i> by Kristen Tracy.

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