




# September 2023

## Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Like and follow <b>Better Beginnings</b> on Facebook or @betterbeginnings_slwa on Instagram 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>			<b>1 Play</b> Help your child to arrange their favourite toys in order from shortest to tallest.	<b>2 Read</b> Story Saturday! Read <i>I Am This Big</i> by Janeen Brian, illustrated by Jess Racklyeft.
<b>3 Father's Day</b> Read <i>My Fantastic Dad</i> by Jonathan Bentley. What makes your dad fantastic?	<b>4 Read</b> Read <i>You've Got Yoghurt in Your Nostrils</i> by Bethany Clark and Sara Acton.	<b>5 Talk</b> Help your child to retell the events of your day.	<b>6 Indigenous Literacy Day</b> Read a book that depicts Indigenous art, culture, and storytelling.	<b>7 Write</b> Make a paper placemat for each family member. Use them at dinner time!	<b>8 International Literacy Day</b> Visit your public library and borrow a favourite book!	<b>9 Read</b> Read <i>The Garden on Red Gum Road</i> by Phil Cummings and Danny Snell.
<b>10 STEM</b> Which animals do you know that are nocturnal? Talk about animals that are most active at night.	<b>11 Read</b> Read <i>The Day You Were Born</i> by Emma Bowd and Hilary Jean Tapper.	<b>12 Talk</b> Read a story about farm animals and make the animal sounds together.	<b>13 Sing</b> Sing 'Heads and Shoulders, Knees and Toes'.	<b>14 Write</b> Use chenille sticks to practice making letter shapes.	<b>15 Play</b> Make a farm sensory box. Hide toy animals in a box of rice and split peas.	<b>16 Read</b> Read <i>The Cranky Ballerina</i> by Elise Gravel.
<b>17 STEM</b> Make a cake. Observe and describe the mixture before and after putting it in the oven.	<b>18 Read</b> Read <i>One Little Duck</i> by Katrina Germein and Danny Snell.	<b>19 Talk</b> Today is <i>Talk Like a Pirate Day</i> . Read <i>Tough Boris</i> by Mem Fox – or any other pirate picture book that you love!	<b>20 Sing</b> Sing 'A Pirate's Life for Me'. View the video of this rhyme on the Better Beginnings YouTube channel.	<b>21 Write</b> Mix up some playdough and make squares and circles.	<b>22 Play</b> Pretend to be a ballerina and dance to classical music. Don't forget to point your toes!	<b>23 Read</b> Read <i>An A to Z of Dreaming Differently</i> by Tracey Dembo and Lucia Masciullo.
<b>24 STEM</b> What types of plants are growing in gardens around you? Take a walk and observe, name, and describe plants you see.	<b>25 Read</b> Share black and white books with newborns. New babies develop colour vision in the first few months of life.	<b>26 Talk</b> Play a rhyming game. I say sun, you say run. I say mat, you say...?	<b>27 Sing</b> Sing "Hickory Dickory Dock". Look at a clock and point out the number one.	<b>28 Write</b> Paint with water! Take a paint brush and a container of water outside and paint on paving.	<b>29 Play</b> Make golf clubs out of rolled up newspaper and play a round of indoor golf.	<b>30 Read</b> Story Saturday! Read <i>I Am Wiggly</i> by Michael Rosen and Rob Starling.