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Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 STEM When you go shopping, talk about the tools you use to make the task easier.	2 Read Read <i>Who Lives Here</i> by Julia Donaldson and Rebecca Cobb.	3 Talk O is for October. What things in your house start with the letter "o"?	4 Sing It's World Space Week! Sing 'Zoom Zoom Zoom' and blast off to the moon!	5 Write Rip and crumple coloured paper and use the pieces to collage a picture.	6 Play I spy, with my little eye, something that is coloured orange.	7 Read Read <i>Dick the Delightful Duck</i> by Kay Umansky and Ben Mantle.
8 STEM Read <i>Count the Stars</i> by Raewyn Caisley and Gabriel Evans.	9 Read Read <i>Nature's Song</i> by Robert Vescio and Nicky Johnston.	10 Talk How many words can you think of that rhyme with "dip"?	11 Sing Say 'A Smooth Road'. Face your baby towards you so that you can see how they enjoy the bounces.	12 Write Make art with stickers. Peeling stickers encourages hand-eye coordination and hand strength for writing.	13 Play Make a sensory bin out of dried beans and add toys or blocks for your child to find.	14 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Crocs Stole My Socks</i> by Kylie Howarth.
15 STEM Sing 'Wind the Bobbin Up'. Explain to your child what a bobbin is and what it's used for.	16 Read It's World Food Day! Read your favourite book about food or eating.	17 Talk Use old socks as simple puppets. Have conversations between the sock creatures.	18 Sing Say the rhyme 'Five Fat Peas'. Have you ever seen a pea pod? Did you make it go pop?	19 Write Threading activities are a fun way to help little hands get ready to write.	20 Play Use your library card to log on to Busy Things via the Better Beginnings website.	21 Read Read <i>Little Bird</i> by Rod Campbell.
22 STEM Make jelly! Describe how the jelly looks and feels before adding water and again when it sets.	23 Read Read a singable book like <i>Somewhere in Australia</i> by Marcello Pennacchio and Danny Snell.	24 Talk Visit a bakery or café and talk about what you can see and smell – and taste if you are lucky!	25 Sing Sing an animal song! Visit the Better Beginnings YouTube channel and look for our Animals playlist.	26 Write Have fun at the park! Climbing and swinging helps develop the upper body and hand strength needed for writing.	27 Play Scarves are fun to play with. Wave them to music or throw them up in the air!	28 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Bear & Duck Are Friends</i> by Sue deGennaro.
29 STEM It's Grandparents' Day! Read <i>The Wheelbarrow Express</i> by Sue Whiting and Cate James.	30 Read Read <i>Good Morning, My Deer!</i> by Mel Amon and Sophie Beer.	31 Talk Before you read a new book together, talk about what's on the cover.	Better Beginnings at Home Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook or @betterbeginnings_slwa on Instagram for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.		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.	

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