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Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook or @betterbeginnings_slwa on Instagram for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.			1 Sing Sing and dance to the 'Hokey Pokey'.	2 Write Write or draw in the sand. Use a stick, or your hands!	3 Play Hide toys in a bag. Give your children clues and see if they can guess which toy it is.	4 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Big</i> by Vashti Harrison.
5 STEM Look for and point out patterns and sequences today e.g., stripes on clothes and sequences in stories.	6 Read Demanding a favourite book over and over is a natural part of early childhood. Repetition helps children learn!	7 Talk Talk about a favourite animal with your child. What noise does it make? Have you seen one in real life?	8 Sing Sing 'I Went to Visit the Jungle One Day'. What animals might you see in a jungle?	9 Write Have your child use an eye dropper to transfer coloured water from one cup to another.	10 Play Sing 'If You're Wearing Red Today'. Stand up if any part of your clothes is red. Sing it again with a different colour.	11 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Sandy Toes</i> by Shauntay Grant, illustrated by Candice Bradlev.
12 STEM Read <i>Eric Loves Animals (Just Like You!)</i> by Eric Carle. This alphabetical parade of animals will engage ages 2yrs +.	13 Read It's World Kindness Day! Read <i>The Kindness Book</i> by Todd Parr. What act of kindness have you done today?	14 Talk Hum "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" to your child. Can they guess what song it is? Now sing it together.	15 Sing Say the rhyme 'Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Turn Around' and do the actions together.	16 Write Offer your toddler or preschooler lots of chances to practice their scissor skills.	17 Play Use a puppet to help read a story aloud. Your child could then use the puppet to retell the story to you!	18 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Find Spot: An Australian Adventure</i> by Eric Hill.
19 STEM Talk with your child about the seasons and the changes in weather where you live.	20 Read Read <i>Where Will the Sleepy Sheep Sleep?</i> By David Metzenthen and Jonathan Bentley.	21 Talk Talk about the differences between the front and back covers of your favourite book.	22 Sing Sing 'Washing in the Washing Machine', then sing it again, because there's always more washing!	23 Write Play with letter stencils. Trace letters, colour them in and talk about the sounds the letters make.	24 Play Wind up a kitchen timer and hide it. Ask your child to find it by listening for the sounds it makes.	25 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Gurril: Storm Bird</i> by Trevor Fourmile and Jingalu.
26 STEM Talk about where honey comes from and sing "Here Is the Beehive".	27 Read Read <i>Nedingar: Ancestors</i> by Isobel Bevis, illustrated by Leanne Zilm.	28 Talk How many words can you think of that rhyme with tree?	29 Sing Say the action rhyme 'The Elephant Goes Like This and That'.	30 Write Go on a circle hunt today. Look for circles wherever you go!	<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>	