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Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Read Welcome to 2024! Read, talk, sing, write and play with your child, every day, all year!	2 Talk Play with words today. What words rhyme with sea?	3 Sing Rhyming and singing helps children learn new words.	4 Write Scribbling and drawing are forms of writing. Talk to your child about their pictures.	5 Play Ball games help develop a child's strength, flexibility & coordination skills.	6 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Bluey Cricket</i> told by Bandit.
7 STEM Roll and throw balls. Help your child to think of ways to make the ball roll faster.	8 Read Read <i>Sandy Toes: A Summer Adventure</i> by Shauntay Grant. Do you like going to the beach?	9 Talk Add a new word or two to what your child is saying. This helps increase your child's vocabulary.	10 Sing Sing ' Little Red Fish ' with Beccy and learn some Noongar numbers.	11 Write Next time you go to the beach, draw in the sand with a stick. Can you write your name?	12 Play Play with dress ups. Encourage your child to tell a story in their costume.	13 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Good Night, Good Beach</i> by Joy Cowley.
14 STEM Read picture books and factual books to help build background knowledge.	15 Read Read <i>The Wheelbarrow Express</i> by Sue Whiting. Have you been for a ride in a wheelbarrow?	16 Talk Talk about how in summer, it gets dark later than in winter.	17 Sing Sing ' Once I Caught a Fish Alive ' and do the actions as you say the words.	18 Write Add print to your child's play. Help them 'write' a menu when playing restaurants.	19 Play Playing with blocks helps make little hands strong and ready to write.	20 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Angus & Mouse Read a Book</i> by Jane Godwin.
21 STEM Read <i>My First Cookbook</i> by Annabel Karmel. Why not try making some of the recipes at home?	22 Read Read <i>Hunter on Holiday</i> by Jessica and Stephen Parry-Valentine. Have you been anywhere over the holidays?	23 Talk Ask your child open ended questions such as why, what, and how. These require more than a 'yes' or 'no' response.	24 Sing Sing ' Baby Koala ' and talk about the different Australian animals mentioned in the rhyme.	25 Write Make puppets and act out a story together. Download some Australian animal puppets here .	26 Play Play with toy animals and have fun making the animal noises and saying animal names.	27 Read Story Saturday! Read <i>Australian Animals from Beach to Bush</i> by Brentos.
28 STEM Go outside and observe the moon. What shape is it? What else can you see in the night sky?	29 Read Read <i>The Starting School List</i> by Kitty Black. Good luck to all those children starting school this year.	30 Talk Talk about what makes where you live special to you. Look at a map of Australia and point out where you are.	31 Sing Say the bouncing rhyme ' 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 ' which helps develop early number skills.	<i>Substitute any titles you can't find or songs you don't know with books, rhymes, and songs that you already love.</i>		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.