

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
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|   | <b>1 Read</b><br>Don't be afraid to 'act' as you read. Animal noises and sound effects makes reading together fun!                                    | <b>2 Talk</b><br>Make a telephone from two cups linked with string. Stretch the string and have a conversation with your child. | <b>3 Sing</b><br>Sing-along Wednesday! Sing <a href="#">"Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"</a> .   | <b>4 Write</b><br>Spread salt on a tray and use fingers to write and draw in it.   | <b>5 Play</b><br>Play <i>Simon Says</i> and use words such as back and front, up and down.   | <b>6 Read</b><br>It's Story Saturday! Read <a href="#">Hatch and Match</a> by Ruth Paul which is a great search and find book.  |
| <b>7 STEM</b><br>Sing a science song today. Step outside, look at the weather and sing <a href="#">"What's the Weather."</a>  | <b>8 Read</b><br>Read <a href="#">Bush Bugs</a> by Helen Milroy. Check your local library for other books by this talented WA author and illustrator. | <b>9 Talk</b><br>Describe the shape and colours of the toys that your child plays with today.                                   | <b>10 Sing</b><br>Sing-along Wednesday! Enjoy a rollicking pirate rhyme as you sing <a href="#">"When I Was One."</a>                                 | <b>11 Write</b><br>Use tongs or tweezers to transfer objects between containers. This is a great activity to develop fine motor skills.                              | <b>12 Play</b><br>Act out a favourite story. This can help children to understand the structure of a story.  | <b>13 Read</b><br>It's Story Saturday! Read <a href="#">Bad Bunny The Pirate</a> by Jonathan Bentley. Have fun together acting as a pirate. Can you swab the deck? Climb the rigging?         |
| <b>14 STEM</b><br>Create simple scales by tying two paper cups to each end of a coat hanger. Let your child experiment by placing items in the cups and seeing if they balance. | <b>15 Read</b><br>Cuddle with your baby as you read to them. Even tiny babies are learning from hearing you read.                                     | <b>16 Talk</b><br>Point out and talk about what's making the sounds you hear when out on a walk.                                | <b>17 Sing</b><br>Sing-along Wednesday! Sing <a href="#">"B.I.N.G.O"</a> together! Clap your hands as you say each letter.                            | <b>18 Write</b><br>Children need lots of practice to master scissor skills. To assist them with holding scissors correctly say, "Thumbs on top to chop, chop, chop!" | <b>19 Play</b><br>Play with alphabet or shape jigsaw puzzles! Identifying the shapes that make up letters, is the first step children take to recognise letters.                       | <b>20 Read</b><br>It's Story Saturday! Read <a href="#">The Big Dreaming</a> by Michael Rosen. If you enjoy this, revisit <a href="#">We're Going on a Bear Hunt</a> , also by Michael Rosen. |
| <b>21 STEM</b><br>Use pop sticks or pipe cleaners to make shapes. Count how many you need as you create different shapes.   | <b>22 Read</b><br>Visit your library and look for a book that is shelved under the same letter as your child's first name starts with.                | <b>23 Talk</b><br>Everywhere you go, talk about what you see and what your baby is looking at.                                  | <b>24 Sing</b><br>Sing the <a href="#">"Alphabet Song"</a> together. Make sure you slow down at L-M-N-O-P so your child can clearly hear each letter. | <b>25 Write</b><br>Make and decorate a mailbox together. Write, post, and deliver notes to family members!   | <b>26 Play</b><br>Build the first letter of your child's name out of blocks. What other letters can you build together?  | <b>27 Read</b><br>It's Story Saturday! Read <a href="#">The Crayons Love Our Planet</a> by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers. Use crayons to draw a picture.                                    |
| <b>28 STEM</b><br>When a child asks lots of "why?" questions, they are being scientists. Use the library to discover new facts together.  | <b>29 Read</b><br>Be a reading role model. Show your child that reading is for everyone.  | <b>30 Talk</b><br>Link words like 'up' and 'down' with actions to help your baby understand their meaning.                      | <b>Better Beginnings at Home Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.</b>     |  | <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> |   |