



# May 2024 – Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Better Beginnings at Home</b> Like and follow <b>Better Beginnings</b> on <b>Facebook</b> for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.</p>		<p><i>Books, rhymes, and songs mentioned here are suggestions only. Substitute any titles you can't find or songs you don't know with ones that you already love.</i></p>	<p><b>1 Sing</b> Sing-along Wednesday! March along to "<a href="#">The Grand Old Duke of York.</a>"</p>	<p><b>2 Write</b> Ask your child to draw pictures of each of your family members.</p>	<p><b>3 Play</b> Provide toys or objects that represents scenes from books you have just read.</p>	<p><b>4 Read</b> It's Story Saturday! Have fun together as you explore <a href="#">Bear and Bird Explore the Seashore</a> by Jonathan Lambert.</p>
<p><b>5 STEM</b> Have fun blowing bubbles! Look at the colours of the bubbles and observe what makes them pop.</p>	<p><b>6 Read</b> When choosing books for your young child, choose books that you think are interesting to them and that YOU like!</p>	<p><b>7 Talk</b> Make conversation with your child a two-way street. Take time each day to listen to and talk together.</p>	<p><b>8 Sing</b> Sing-along Wednesday! Place your child on your lap and bounce along to "<a href="#">Mother and Father and Uncle John.</a>"</p>	<p><b>9 Write</b> Have fun squeezing eye droppers to add food colouring to water.</p>	<p><b>10 Play</b> Include board books in your baby's toy box and encourage them to play with them.</p>	<p><b>11 Read</b> It's Story Saturday! Get ready for Mother's Day. Read <a href="#">All Mums</a> by Sarah Kate Ellis.</p>
<p><b>12 STEM</b> Find ways to explore all five senses with your child today: taste, touch, sound, smell, and sight.</p>	<p><b>13 Read</b> When choosing books for 1-2-year olds, look for books about familiar experiences, books with flaps and books with repeated phrases.</p>	<p><b>14 Talk</b> Encourage your child to join in with any repeated phrases in books that you read together.</p>	<p><b>15 Sing</b> Sing-along Wednesday! Sing "<a href="#">Hug, Hug, Hug Your Bear</a>" to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat".</p>	<p><b>16 Write</b> Gather some family photos into a small album and share family stories with your child.</p>	<p><b>17 Play</b> Play libraries! Gather some favourite books and help your child make library cards for their toys.</p>	<p><b>18 Read</b> It's Story Saturday! Look in your local library for <a href="#">The Big Book of Australian Nursery Rhymes</a> by West Australian author and illustrator, Frané Lessac.</p>
<p><b>19 STEM</b> Build a tower today! Your tower might be made from blocks, play dough, mud, or boxes.</p>	<p><b>20 Read</b> Two-year olds love books that reflect their experiences, have humour and repeated rhymes and phrases.</p>	<p><b>21 Talk</b> When reading a book, talk to your child about how the story relates to their life.</p>	<p><b>22 Sing</b> Today is National Simultaneous Storytime! Read <a href="#">Bowerbird Blues</a> by Aura Parker.</p>	<p><b>23 Write</b> Draw and colour a picture in your favourite colour. Talk about the different shades and name the colours accordingly.</p>	<p><b>24 Play</b> Not all play time needs to be planned. Give your child plenty of time for unstructured play.</p>	<p><b>25 Read</b> It's Story Saturday! Read <a href="#">Happy All Over</a> by Emma Quay. Talk about what makes you happy.</p>
<p><b>26 STEM</b> Look for triangle shaped things today. How many can you find at your house?</p>	<p><b>27 Read</b> 3-5-year olds love factual books on interesting topics. Look in your library for non-fiction books.</p>	<p><b>28 Talk</b> Ask your child "What if" questions. Open ended questions keep the conversation going back and forth.</p>	<p><b>29 Sing</b> Sing-along Wednesday! Talk about colour as you sing "<a href="#">If You're Wearing . . .</a>"</p>	<p><b>30 Write</b> Try painting with cotton tips today. What patterns can you make?</p>	<p><b>31 Play</b> Go outside and run, jump and kick a ball to help develop coordination and balance.</p>	



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