

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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.	1 Read Read Little Bird's Day by Sally Morgan. Look for birds that live near you and observe what they do.	2 Talk Talk about the names of baby animals. Read What Do You Call a Baby...? By Kamsani Bin Salleh.	3 Sing Sing a song about transport like The Wheels on the Bus and talk about a time you went on a bus or train.	4 Write Trace around some shape stencils together.	5 Play Play animal charades together. Make lots of animal noises.	6 Read It's Story Saturday! Read Good Night, Sleep Tight by Mem Fox. Have some fun with nursery rhymes.
7 STEM NAIDOC Week starts today, celebrating the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.	8 Read Borrow a poetry book from your library and read aloud some poems together.	9 Talk Touch your ears, pat your nose, tickle baby's little toes! Name the parts of your body as you go about your day.	10 Sing Sing a gentle song that you know as a lullaby to your child tonight.	11 Write Read Roo Knows Blue by Renee Trembl. Draw a picture of a rainbow.	12 Play Do the actions in Look, See, Look at Me by Leonie Norrington.	13 Read It's Story Saturday! Read a book about bears. Have a teddy bears picnic.
14 STEM Make a rain cloud in a jar with water, shaving cream and food colouring.	15 Read Read Boo Loves Books by Kaye Baillie and Tracie Grimwood. What birds can you hear where you live?	16 Talk Talk about tonight's dinner and name all the ingredients you will need.	17 Sing Sing the first line of a song your toddler knows and pause to let them sing the second line.	18 Write Share an alphabet book with your child. Look at the shapes of the letters.	19 Play When your child is playing, offer them new words to add to their play.	20 Read It's Story Saturday! Read A Friend for George by Gabriel Evans.
21 STEM Let your child observe the different textures and smells of ingredients when you are cooking.	22 Read Read Happy Days by Sue deGennaro. What are the things that make your days happy?	23 Talk Name the colours you and your child are wearing today.	24 Sing Sing This is the Way We... through your daily routines today.	25 Write Look for the letter "A" today. Trace your fingers around each A that you find.	26 Play Children's Book Week is next month. Start planning your costume ideas!	27 Read It's Story Saturday! Read a story about diggers and trucks today.
28 STEM Freeze some items in ice. Then ask your child to find the best ways to melt the ice!	29 Read Find some books about your favourite animal.	30 Talk Visit a museum, art gallery or park. Ask your child questions about what you both see.	31 Sing Sing Giddy Up a fun bouncing rhyme.	Better Beginnings at Home Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.		



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