



# August 2024 – Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar

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| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
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| 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. |   | <b>Better Beginnings at Home</b><br><br>Like and follow <a href="#">Better Beginnings</a> on Facebook for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar. |   | <b>1 Write</b><br>Form your left hand into the shape of the letter C. Look for Cs in books and on signs.                         | <b>2 Play</b><br>Turn on the radio and dance together!   | <b>3 Read</b><br>It's Story Saturday! Read <a href="#">We Love You, Magoo</a> by Briony Stewart.                              |
| <b>4 STEM</b><br>Observe the plants in your garden. Name parts of the plants, e.g. leaf, stem, flower.  | <b>5 Read</b><br>Read books with unusual words, these are great for building your child's vocabulary.                               | <b>6 Talk</b><br>Count your fingers, toes, eyes, and nose. Can you count your teeth?   | <b>7 Sing</b><br>Plan a visit to Rhyme Time at your local library.  | <b>8 Write</b><br>Make some play dough and have fun rolling, pinching, and shaping the dough.                                    | <b>9 Play</b><br>Make a "T" out of construction blocks. What sound does a letter "T" make?                                 | <b>10 Read</b><br>It's Story Saturday! Read a book about dinosaurs. Try <a href="#">I'm A Dirty Dinosaur</a> by Janeen Brian. |
| <b>11 Science Week</b><br>Look for opportunities to introduce your child to science concepts all week in celebration of Science Week.                       | <b>12 Read</b><br>Read <a href="#">Boo Loves Books</a> by Kaye Baillie and Tracie Grimwood. What birds can you hear where you live? | <b>13 Talk</b><br>Young children need between 5-12 seconds to respond to a question. Give your child lots of time to answer!   | <b>14 Sing</b><br>Sing the rhyme <a href="#">I Went To Visit ...</a> and have fun making all the animal noises. | <b>15 Write</b><br>Look for the letter "P" today. How many can you find?   | <b>16 Play</b><br>Make a musical instrument out of a plastic container and some rice. Shake along to your favourite songs. | <b>17 Book Week</b><br>It's Children's Book Week! Read your child's favourite book together!                                  |
| <b>18 STEM</b><br>Read a book about spiders. Can you count their legs and sing <a href="#">Incy Wincy Spider</a> ?  | <b>19 Read</b><br>Read <a href="#">Ten in the Bed</a> by Penny Dale. This is a fun sing-along story.                                | <b>20 Talk</b><br>See how many words you know that rhyme with the word "cat".  | <b>21 Sing</b><br>Sing <a href="#">Round and Round the Garden</a> together.                                     | <b>22 Write</b><br>Give your child lots of opportunities to practice their writing. Use chalk, crayons, or a finger in the sand. | <b>23 Play</b><br>Play dress ups and make up a story about your characters.  | <b>24 Read</b><br>It's Story Saturday! Read a story about colours or shapes.  |
| <b>25 STEM</b><br>Look for oval shaped things today – how many can you find at your house?  | <b>26 Read</b><br>Find some books about things that go – trucks, trains cars, bikes and more!                                       | <b>27 Talk</b><br>Invite your child to make predictions about stories by asking, "What do you think will happen next?"   | <b>28 Sing</b><br>Sing <a href="#">Heads and Shoulders</a> , a fun action rhyme.                                | <b>29 Write</b><br>Did you know that tongs and pegs are great for strengthening little hands to get them ready to write.         | <b>30 Play</b><br>Play is how children explore and learn about the world around them.                                      | <b>31 Read</b><br>Read <a href="#">Oi Frog!</a> By Kes Gray & Jim Field.  |



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