



# October 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 <a href="#">Better Beginnings</a> on Facebook for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.</p>		<p><b>1 Talk</b> Give your very young talker the opportunity to name things, people, and places.</p>	<p><b>2 Sing</b> It's Sing-along Wednesday! Sing "<a href="#">Johnny Taps with One Hammer</a>".</p>	<p><b>3 Write</b> Draw a face together today and name all the features.</p>	<p><b>4 Play</b> Hide a toy and give your child clues on where to find it. Use words like under, over, behind.</p>	<p><b>5 Read</b> It's Story Saturday! Read <a href="#">Good Hair</a> by Yvonne Sewankambo and Freda Chiu.</p>
<p><b>6 STEM</b> Do some cooking. Have fun measuring, mixing, and eating!</p>	<p><b>7 Read</b> Read <a href="#">Bushlife</a> and discover some of Australia's unique bushland creatures.</p>	<p><b>8 Talk</b> When sharing stories talk about what you see on the page.</p>	<p><b>9 Sing</b> It's Sing-along Wednesday! Sing "<a href="#">The Hokey Pokey</a>".</p>	<p><b>10 Write</b> Have your child draw a picture and then tell you about it.</p>	<p><b>11 Play</b> Go on a letter hunt when you are out and about. Look for the first letter of your child's name.</p>	<p><b>12 Read</b> It's Story Saturday! Read <a href="#">Little Book Baby</a> by Katrina Germein and Cheryl Orsini.</p>
<p><b>13 STEM</b> Read <a href="#">1000 Words STEM</a> and introduce your child to lots of STEM language.</p>	<p><b>14 Read</b> Read a book about your favourite animal. What noise does it make?</p>	<p><b>15 Talk</b> Add descriptive words to the stories you read to build your child's vocabulary.</p>	<p><b>16 Sing</b> Sing "<a href="#">The Wheels on the Bus</a>". Talk about the parts of a bus, inside and out.</p>	<p><b>17 Write</b> Cut out a large letter S and turn it into a snake! What noise does a snake make?</p>	<p><b>18 Play</b> Make a sensory mat for your baby. Attach fabrics with interesting textures for your baby to explore.</p>	<p><b>19 Read</b> It's Story Saturday! Read a book about dinosaurs.</p>
<p><b>20 STEM</b> Can you count backwards from 10? Sing <a href="#">Zoom, Zoom, Zoom</a> to practice.</p>	<p><b>21 Read</b> Read <a href="#">Maisie Goes for an Eye Test</a> by Lucy Cousins.</p>	<p><b>22 Talk</b> Your child needs to hear a word many times before they start to say the word themselves.</p>	<p><b>23 Sing</b> It's Sing-along Wednesday! Sing a lullaby like "<a href="#">Lavender's Blue</a>".</p>	<p><b>24 Write</b> Make a journal or diary of your family's activities. Record your child's recount of the day.</p>	<p><b>25 Play</b> Act out "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". Any toys that you can find that are small, medium, and large sized can be the bears.</p>	<p><b>26 Read</b> Read your favourite book together.</p>
<p><b>27 STEM</b> Make some play dough and have fun rolling, pinching, and cutting out shapes.</p>	<p><b>28 Read</b> Read <a href="#">Wonderful Shoes</a> by Emma Bowd and Tanya McCartney.</p>	<p><b>29 Talk</b> When talking to your child, remember OWL. OBSERVE expressions, WAIT for their response and LISTEN to your child.</p>	<p><b>30 Sing</b> Sing "<a href="#">Giddy Up</a>" a fun bouncing rhyme.</p>	<p><b>31 Write</b> Happy Halloween! Draw a face on a pumpkin. It can be a real one or a picture. Is your pumpkin Scary? Happy? Silly?</p>	<p>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.</p>	