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Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Substitute any titles you can't find or songs you don't know with books, rhymes, and songs that you already love.		1 Talk Play with toy telephones and have conversations together.	Sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star". Go outside when it's turning dark and see if you can spot any stars in the sky.	Point out the first letter of your child's name whenever you see it – in books, on signs, when you are writing a list.	Roll playdough into a long strip and curl it into a spiral to make a snail's shell.	Story Saturday! Read your favourite story today!
6 NAIDOC NAIDOC Week starts today! It's an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures.	7 NAIDOC Read Backyard Birds by Helen Milroy. Observe birds that live near you do and describe what they look like.	8 NAIDOC Read Nedingar by Isobel Bevis. Talk to your child about the ancestors in your family.	Read Sharing by Aunty Fay Muir. Discuss ways that your family cares for the country you live on.	10 NAIDOC Read Today's Sun by Gregg Dreise. Draw a picture about what you did today.	11 NAIDOC Download the Our Yarning app for Android and read books for early readers by Indigenous authors.	12 NAIDOC It's Story Saturday! Read Open Your Heart to Country by Jasmine Seymour.
Read Numbers All Around Us by Rachael Sarra. Count your way through the incredible artwork of Aboriginal artist Rachael Sarra.	14 Read N is for Numbers! Read Noni the Pony Counts to a Million by Alison Lester. What's the biggest number that you can count to?	Discuss how foods look and feel with your child. Ask them "Which is crunchy, which is smooth?"	Read a singable book like Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree by Marion Sinclair.	17 Write Collage a beautiful flower garden out of flattened patty pans.	Pretend! Ask your child to pretend to be a firefighter, librarian, teacher, or shop keeper.	Extending on your play from yesterday, read a book about someone with a special job.
STEM Sunday! Make a bridge with objects from your home. Toys, books, boxes, pillows Which is the best thing to build with?	21 Read Go on a book bear hunt! Go through the books in your home and see how many have a teddy bear in them.	Hide things around the house and go on a torchlight hunt. Describe what you are looking for and where you look.	Sing Sing Singing to babies and young children helps them to learn, understand and remember new words.	O is for octopus. Draw the letter O and add eight legs and some eyes.	25 Play Act out "Little Miss Muffet" together. Take turns being the spider.	Make up your own story. Look at the illustrations in a book and make up a new story together with your child.
STEM Sunday! Try to blow a cotton ball or feather along a table or the floor.	Visit your local public library and join in with Rhyme Time or Storytime.	29 Talk Race toy cars and talk about which came first, second and third.	30 Sing Make a noisemaker and shake along to your favourite rhymes and songs.	31 Write Squirt some shaving cream on a tray and practice writing letters in it.		