

## **JUNE 2025**

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## Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 STEM Welcome to winter! Start a rain chart and track how many wet rainy days there are this month.	When babies chew, shake or tear a book, they are learning how books work, the first steps towards reading!	Ask your child if they can think of any words that rhyme with rain. It's ok if their answers are not real words!	Sing-along Wednesday! Sing Der Glumph. We all know frogs go la de da de da!	Write Writing starts with scribbling. Give your child lots of chances to practice their "writing".	6 Play Cut off the fingers of rubber gloves and turn them into finger puppets.	7 Read It's Story Saturday! Have fun together as you read a book about your child's favourite topic.
8 STEM It's World Ocean's Day. Look at a map or globe to find the ocean closest to where you live. Can you name and find all 5 oceans?	Read a book about your favourite ocean animal. Does it have teeth, tentacles, flippers or fins?	10 Talk It's Maurice Sendak's Birthday. Talk about Max's adventures with the Wild Things.	Sing-along Wednesday! Sing Rain is Falling Down. What is the weather like today?	Make the colour green with blue and yellow paint. What other colours can you make?	Play post offices! "Write" letters to toys, then pretend to post, deliver, and read them.	14 Read It's Story Saturday! Read a book about an animal that lives on the ice and talk about how they keep warm.
STEM Sunday! Experiment with magnets. Collect different objects from around your house. Which are magnetic?	Read a book with lift the flaps. Play a guessing game about what is behind the flaps as you read.	17 Talk  M is for Music! Talk about the different musical instruments you know. Are there any in your home?	Sing-along Wednesday! Sing Five Little Ducks. Count your ducks before you start to sing.	Playing with eye droppers or squeezy bottles can help get little hands get strong, ready for writing.	Play with a jigsaw. Make your own by cutting up a spare photo or try an online puzzle maker.	21 Read It's Story Saturday! Look at a factual book together on a topic your child is interested in. Find a new fact to learn.
STEM Sunday! Sing Row, Row, Row Your Boat. What do you row a boat with? Talk about ways we can make boats move.	23 Read Eric Carle's Birthday is this week. Pick one of his books to share today.	24 Talk Talk about some of your favourite rainy day activities.	Sing together every day! Lots of songs have interesting words that might be new to your child.	26 Write Give your child lots of opportunities to practice cutting with scissors. Start with cutting straight lines.	Play in the bath with colanders or empty saltshakers to make rain drops.	28 Read It's Story Saturday! Read a book about a place you've never been to. Would you ever want to visit it someday?
29 STEM STEM Sunday! Build a ramp for a toy car to go down. What happens if you make the ramp steeper?	30 Read Look at the covers of the books you read today. How many words are in the title of each book?			Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook and Instagram for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.		