

Home Literacy Calendar May 2026

Fun, easy activities to do with your child to help develop their early literacy skills

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Play Build a cubby house with a table and a blanket.	2 Read Find a book about pirates or treasure. We love <i>The Night Pirates</i> by Peter Harris and Deborah Allwright.	3 STEM Use play dough to make a pretend pizza. Divide the pizza into halves, quarters and eighths.
4 Read Read your favourite book about bears today.	5 Talk Draw with chalk on a blackboard or pavement. Talk about what your child draws.	6 Sing Say the rhyme <i>Pat Your Head</i> .	7 Draw Make a card for Mother's Day for your Mum or someone else who is special to you.	8 Play Read rhyming books and play rhyming games together.	9 Read Read a book with Australian animals in it. We love <i>When the Waterhole Dries Up</i> by Kaye Baillie and Max Hamilton.	10 STEM It's STEM Sunday! Draw a picture of a rainbow. Can you name all the colours?
11 Read Visit your public library and borrow lots of books this week! Then curl up together and read them.	12 Talk How many parts of your child's face can they name? Point to their eyes, ears, mouth and nose.	13 Sing ♪ Sing your favourite lullaby at bedtime.	14 Draw Create art by scrunching, tearing, and gluing paper to help little hands grow strong!	15 Play Pretend you are going to the moon. What will you need for your trip?	16 Read It's Story Saturday! Read a book about bugs.	17 STEM Can you name some animals that live on a farm? What sounds do they make?
18 Read Read a book with numbers or counting in it. Check out <i>Bush Mob Counting</i> by Helen Milroy.	19 Talk How many words do you know that rhyme with cat? What other words rhyme?	20 Sing Say the <i>Five Fat Peas</i> counting rhyme. Find the lyrics on the Better Beginnings website.	21 Draw Use plastic tweezers to transfer small objects between containers, helping little hands get ready to write.	22 Play Play a guessing game. "I spy, with my little eye, something that is..."	23 Read Find a great story on Story Box Library, a free app that you can access with your library membership.	24 STEM STEM Sunday! Build a bridge with things you have at home.
25 Read Read a fun rhyming book.	26 Talk Talk about the things you might see in the sky during the day and at night.	27 Sing ♪ Sing <i>Row, Row, Row Your Boat</i> . Don't forget to scream. Aaargh!	28 Draw Write a letter to someone.	29 Play Play shops. What things will you buy today?	30 Read It's Story Saturday! Have a teddy bear picnic and read a book to your teddy or stuffed animal.	31 STEM Explore opposites. Can you find something hard and soft, big and small?

