

Home Literacy Calendar August 2026

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Read It's Story Saturday. Visit your local public library and borrow books that inspire you.	2 STEM Look for things in your house that are made of wood. Talk about where wood comes from.
3 Read Read a singable book. Author and illustrator Matt Shanks has lots of options, like <i>Hey Diddle Diddle</i> .	4 Talk Talk about your favourite fruits. Describe the shape, colour, smell, texture and taste.	5 Sing 🎵 Sing <i>I'm a Little Teapot</i> . 🎵	6 Draw Create the letters of your child's name out of play dough. Make the sounds and feel the shape of each letter.	7 Play Let's have a dance party! Play your favourite music and dance around the house together.	8 Read It's Story Saturday. Snuggle up tonight and share a book at bedtime.	9 STEM Do you have a green thumb? Plant a seed or seedling and watch it grow.
10 Read Read a wordless book. Create your own story as you look at the illustrations.	11 Talk Do you know another language? Talk to your child in the languages you know or look up words in another language.	12 Sing Sing your favourite song. Singing helps your child to learn and remember new words.	13 Draw Let's draw. Drawing and painting on a vertical surface such as an easel helps develop hand strength for writing.	14 Play Jump like a kangaroo, slither like a snake, dig like a wombat and flap like a magpie.	15 Read Read a funny book that makes you laugh out loud. We love <i>Duck!</i> by Meg McKinlay.	16 STEM It's STEM Sunday. Make a pair of binoculars out of cardboard tubes.
17 Read Read a book about vehicles. Check out <i>Planes Planes Planes!</i> by Donna David	18 Talk Name the colours of the clothes you are wearing today.	19 Sing Sing <i>Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star</i> . Songs with hand movements help build finger strength and get little hands ready to write.	20 Draw Writing starts with scribbling. Give your child lots of chances to practice with crayons and other drawing materials.	21 Play Pretend to be a jungle animal. Which animal will you be?	22 Read It's Story Saturday. Read a book about animals.	23 STEM Blow some bubbles at bath time tonight. Count how long they take to pop.
24 Read It's Children's Book Week. Read your favourite book today.	25 Talk Talk with your child about the food you are buying as you shop.	26 Sing Sing <i>What's the Weather?</i> Talk about today's weather.	27 Draw Draw a character from your favourite book.	28 Play Play a game together. Play is how children learn about the world around them.	29 Read Read a book that has great rhyming words. Check out <i>One Little Duck</i> by Katrina Germein and Danny Snell.	30 STEM Read a non-fiction book about Australian animals and find out some fascinating facts about our unique Australian fauna.

