Home Literacy Calendar November

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

Better Beginnings

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 STEM Create patterns and sequences using toys, leaves or household objects. What patterns and sequences can you spot outside?
2 Read Asking for a favourite book over and over is a natural part of early childhood. Read a favourite book together in a cosy spot.	**3 Talk** Talk about your child's favourite animal. What noise does it make? Have you seen one in real life?	**4 Sing** Sing *Beehive*, a fun tickle song. Count the bees as they come out of the hive.	**5 Draw** Explore, create and play in the sand. Can your child draw a picture, make a pattern or write their name?	**6 Play** Hide toys in a bag. Give your children clues and see if they can guess which toy it is.	**7 Read** It's Story Saturday. Read a book that features transport. Planes, trains, buses or tractors, what will you discover?	**8 STEM** Be a weather watcher today. Observe the weather with your child and talk about how it changes with the seasons.
9 Read World Nursery Rhyme Week begins today! We like *The Big Book of Australian Nursery Rhymes* by Frané Lessac.	**10 Talk** Hum *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* to your child. Can they guess which song it is? Now sing it together.	**11 Sing** Sing a nursery rhyme together from the Rhyme Finder on our website.	**12 Draw** Strengthen little fingers by using an eye dropper to move coloured water from one cup to another.	**13 Play** Sing *If You're Wearing Red Today*. Choose something red to wear and see how many other red things you can find today.	**14 Read** Find a book about insects or bugs. We love *Bush Bugs* by Helen Milroy. Find this book and more at your local public library.	**15 STEM** Go on a cloud hunt outside. What shapes can you see in the clouds?
16 Read Explore a lift-the-flap book together. Pause before each flap and see if your child can guess what's underneath.	**17 Talk** Pick a book and talk with your child about the front and back covers. What can you discover?	**18 Sing** Say the rhyme *Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Turn Around* together and encourage your child to join in with the actions and words.	**19 Draw** Help your child build scissor skills by cutting paper, catalogues or scrap materials into different shapes.	**20 Play** Use a puppet to help read a story aloud. Your child could then use the puppet to retell the story to you!	**21 Read** It's Story Saturday! Read a pirate book, then build a pirate ship using boxes, blankets, cushions or furniture.	**22 STEM** Sing *Washing in the Washing Machine*, then sort the washing into groups. How many different ways can you sort it?
23 Read Read a book that has directions in it. We love *Up, Down and Around* by Katherine Ayers and Nadine Bernard Westcott.	**24 Talk** Play a rhyming game today. How many words can you and your child think of that rhyme with *tree*?	**25 Sing** Sing *Put a Spot Over Here*. Then try changing the words to stripes, swirls and zig-zags.	**26 Draw** Go on a circle hunt together. Afterwards, use crayons or pencils to draw lots of circles of different sizes.	**27 Play** Wind up a kitchen timer and hide it. Ask your child to find it by listening for the sounds it makes.	**28 Read** It's Story Saturday! Share a non-fiction animal book with your child. What interesting facts can you learn together?	**29 STEM** Count the steps from one room to another. Is it the same for everyone in your family?