

December 2024 - Better Beginning: Home Literacy Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 STEM STEM Sunday! Go on a colour hunt. How many red things can you find?	Read Borrow a book with text that moves around the page. Encourage your child to trace the text with their finger.	3 Talk Name parts of the body. Start at your head and make your way down to your toes.	4 Sing Visit your public library, borrow a song book, and sing together!	5 Write Crayons and pencils make great presents, include some on your child's gift list.	6 Play Play with a letter, shape or colour jigsaw puzzle.	7 Read It's Story Saturday! Read a book about Space like Max and Moonbean by Rob Scotton.
8 STEM STEM Sunday! Look for squares today and name the objects that you find.	9 Read Read Mr Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham.	10 Talk Let your child see you read. Talk about how much you love reading and how it is useful.	Sing If You're Wearing and talk about the colours of the clothes you are wearing today.	Praise your child's writing attempts and respond to what they write.	13 Play Act out a favourite story using dress ups or toys.	14 Read It's Story Saturday! Read Gymnastica Fantastica by Briony Stewart.
15 STEM STEM Sunday! Play in the kitchen. Sort cans or containers by size.	16 Read Make sharing a book together fun. Your child will connect books with joy!	Plan a visit to your public library to stock up on holiday reading for the whole family!	18 Sing Sing the story of the Five Little Ducks.	19 Write Today is Sir Quentin Blake's birthday. Read a book that is written or illustrated by him.	20 Play Do some yoga! You can be a dog, or a cat, or a tree!	21 Read It's Story Saturday! Read Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jnr. And Eric Carle.
STEM Sunday! Look at and describe the different types of letter boxes in your neighbourhood.	Babies learn lots from your facial expression. Sit so that you can see each other's faces when you read together.	24 Talk When you ride in a car or on a bus or train together, talk about what you see out of the window.	25 Sing Have a lovely day and sing some of your favourite songs together.	26 Write Look for question marks today. Are there any in your favourite story book?	27 Play Make a mystery box and guess what's inside just by touching.	28 Read It's Story Saturday! Read Fast, Slow. Let's Go! By Sally Sutton and Brian Lovelock.
29 STEM STEM Sunday! What temperature is it where you are today? Does that feel hot or cool?	What was your child's favourite picture book this year? Read it again!	Talk about the fun things you have done this year and some new things you would like to do in 2025.	Like and follow Be Facebook for more	nings at Home etter Beginnings on ideas based on the ed in this calendar.		Books, rhymes, and songs mentioned here are suggestions only. Substitute any titles you can't find or songs you don't know with ones that you already love.