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Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Sing Welcome to 2025! Start the year by singing your favourite song!	2 Write It's a brand-new year! Show your child a calendar and point out the days of the week.	3 Play Ball games help to develop a child's strength, flexibility and coordination skills.	4 Read It's Story Saturday! Read Sandcastle by Philip Bunting.
5 STEM It's STEM Sunday! Find your biggest book and your smallest book and read them both.	6 Read Visit your local library today and borrow some picture books.	7 Talk How many words can you think of that rhyme with "cat"? Rhymes are words that sound the same at the ends.	8 Sing Sing-a-long Wednesday! Borrow a book of nursery rhymes from your local public library.	9 Write A is for art. Draw a picture of something you like to do together.	10 Play Play with dress ups. Encourage your child to tell a story in their costume.	11 Read It's Story Saturday! Read Run, Pups. Run by Kerri Day.
12 STEM It's STEM Sunday! Compare the shapes, and colours of shells that you find when you visit the beach.	13 Read What does The Very Hungry Caterpillar eat on Monday? Read Eric Carle's book to find out.	14 Talk How many yellow things are there in your wardrobe? Talk about the different colours you can see.	15 Sing Sing-a-long Wednesday! Music makes words easier to remember. Sing songs with your child every day.	16 Write Plan a trip to the beach and draw letters and shapes in the sand.	17 Play Can you make a block tower taller than your own body?	18 Read It's Story Saturday! Read Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin.
19 STEM It's STEM Sunday! Look up at the sky tonight. Can you see the moon? If you can, talk about what shape it is.	20 Read Screen time is not recommended for children under 2 years, but sharing books together is perfect!	21 Talk When your baby babbles, repeat the sounds, turn them into words and encourage with smiles.	22 Sing Sing-a-long Wednesday! Sing The Wheels on the Bus together. Talk about bus rides you and your child have taken.	23 Write Using scissors is a great way to build hand strength. If paper is too hard to cut, try cutting playdough.	24 Play Play lays the foundation for literacy. Children practice sounds and new words as they play.	25 Read It's Story Saturday! Borrow a factual book about your favourite Australian animal at your local library.
26 STEM It's STEM Sunday! Gather soft items such as a teddy bear, a pillow, a beach towel. How are they the same? How are they different?	27 Read It's Lewis Carroll's Birthday today. Read a version of <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> together.	28 Talk Talk about the things you need when you go to the beach and add some silly things too! "Do we need gumboots or a towel?"	29 Sing Sing-a-long Wednesday! Find out when Rhyme Time is happening at your local public library and join in!	30 Write Read a recipe and make something delicious together. Name the tools you use as you cook together.	31 Play Play with toy animals and have fun making the animal noises and saying animal names.	<i>Substitute any titles you can't find or songs you don't know with books, rhymes, and songs that you already love.</i>