

April 2025 - Better Beginning; Home Literacy Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
etter 88 eginning		1 Talk Look through a family photo album with your child. Talk about the people and places in the photos.	2 Sing Sing-along Wednesday! Sing "Hot cross buns", "5 currant buns", and "Pat-a-cake"	Write Use cotton tips to do some dotty painting. Use your fingers to make bigger dots.	4 Play Make a sensory box. Fill it with items like sandpaper, cotton wool and crumpled cellophane.	5 Read G is for go, go, go! Read a book about something fast; an animal, a vehicle, or athlete? Where are they racing to?
STEM STEM Sunday! Explore your house for materials and objects that you can use to make a bridge.	Point out the words on the sides of buses and cars. Try and spell you child's name with the letters you spot!	8 Talk Look through books or magazines together and talk about things in the pictures that you like.	9 Sing Sing-along Wednesday! Say rhymes and sing songs with your child in the language that is most comfortable for you.	10 Write Play with playdough. How long is the longest piece you can roll?	Play Play Play catch and throw with a scarf. What shape and colour is the scarf?	Read The Space Between by Jess McGeachin. Look at a map and measure how far it is from your house to a friends, a family member's or your favourite playground.
STEM Sunday! Look for things with stripes. How many colours are used to make the pattern?	H is for Holidays! The best way to start holidays is with a visit to the library.	Say the rhyme "Five Eggs and Five Eggs". How many does that add up to?	Sing-along Wednesday! Get ready for Easter by singing "Sleeping Bunnies"	17 Write Tear and scrunch some paper and use it to make a collage.	18 Play Make a ribbon wand by sticking streamers to a cardboard tube. Dance and wave your ribbons around.	19 Read It's Story Saturday! Hop to it and read your favourite bunny book!
20 STEM STEM Sunday! Go on an egg hunt. Talk about the concepts of behind, under, over and through as you search for eggs.	Picture books have three times as many rare words than normal conversation.	Asking questions that need more than a yes or no answer increases your child's talking and comprehension skills.	23 Sing Sing-along Wednesday! Sing a lullaby at bedtime tonight.	24 Write Recognising shapes helps children get ready to recognise letters. Point out circles today.	25 Play Add one or two new words when you play with your child.	26 Read It's Story Saturday! Read a book by an author whose name starts with the same letter as yours.
27 STEM STEM Sunday! Have a look at the barcode on your library card. Is your favourite number in your barcode?	28 Read Make up a story about your day during bath time. What wild adventures can you think of?	29 Talk Young children need between 5-12 seconds to listen to a question, think of an answer and speak it.	30 Sing Sing-along Wednesday! Sing the finger rhyme "Wind the Bobbin Up"	etter 88 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	Better Beginnings at Home Like and follow Better Beginnings on Facebook for more ideas based on the activities suggested in this calendar.	