



# Read together every day




### Reading Tips

- Store your child's books in easy reach.
- Place a cushion or rug down to make a snug reading space.
- Children enjoy and learn from repetition- It's OK if they want to read the same book again.
- Talk about the characters.
- Discuss the details in the pictures.

### Suggested Books

- The Very Brave Bear* – Nick Bland
- The Potato People*- Pamela Allen
- The Rainbow Fish* – Marcus Pfister
- Stellaluna* – Janell Cannon
- Cow Tripped Over the Moon*- J Willis
- The Magic Hat* – Mem Fox

# September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Play hopscotch together		Play a board game together
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Circle items in a catalogue with the same starting letter as your child's name.		Talk about characters as you read today.		Help your child write their name.	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Have a dance Party!			Have a teddy bear's picnic.			Go for a walk with an adult and talk about what you see.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Count out loud to 10 every day this week.		Pick a new book- have your child guess what the story is about by looking at cover.		Identify different letters by name while shopping.		
26	27	28	29	30		
<b>Yellow Week:</b> Look for items that are yellow.			Practise bouncing a ball- count the bounces.			





# Tools for School

## Learning Tips




- Draw pictures together about family events.
- Make a shopping list together.
- Plan a healthy meal together.
- Praise your child's efforts- Perfection is not the goal.
- Practise holding scissors and paper when cutting.
- Snip playdough or straws to practice cutting.
- Draw and write with a variety of materials – crayons/textas/pencils.

## Suggested Books This Month

- Hunting for Dragons*- Bruce Whatley  
*The Gruffalo* – Julia Donaldson  
*Snow Bears*- Martin Waddell  
*Alpacas with Maracas* – Matt Cosgrove  
*Giraffes Can't Dance* – Giles Andreae

October

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					1 Play a matching game	2 Use string to thread a necklace out of cereal or pasta.
3	4 Cut shapes out of paper.	5	6 Clap your hands to the beat of a song today.	7	8 Practise writing your name.	9 
10 Allow your child to draw on the path with chalk.	11	12	13 Make the bed together.	14 Draw a picture of your family.	15	16 Go for a walk with an adult, looking for words & letters.
17 Sing your favourite song.	18	19 Spread out the picnic rug in the sun to read today.	20 	21 Count to 20	22	23 Read an extra book today.
24 <b>Green Week:</b> Look for items that are green.	25	26	27 Practise throwing and catching a ball.	28	29 Sort and count objects like buttons, socks or blocks.	30





# Maths is everywhere

### Learning Tips




- Talk Math. Use words like more/less, long/short, heavy/light
- Count out loud every day. Count objects as you walk, set table & collect fruit when shopping.
- Explore- Go on a number or shape hunt
- When counting, pause and ask 'What number comes next?'
- Sort: 'Let's put all of the red blocks in this pile.'

### Suggested Books This Month

- The Nickle Nackle Tree*- Lynley Dodd
- Ten Terrible Dinosaurs*- Paul Stickland
- Ducks Away*- Mem Fox
- Elmer* – David McKee
- Belinda* – Pamela Allen
- Too Many Pears* – Jackie French

# November

# 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Red Week:</b> Look for items that are red.	2 Play counting game- How many red things can you see?	3	4 Practise writing your name	5	6 Play a board game using a dice.
7	8 Cut shapes out of paper.	9	10	11	12 Go on a shape hunt- Name the shapes you find.	13 
14 Help mum or dad set the table for dinner.	15	16	17 Play 'I Spy Numbers.'	18	19 Use a rug to build a cubby to read in today.	20 Go for a walk with a parent- find numbers along the way.
21	22 Play Simon Says.	23	24 Practise tying your shoe laces.	25	26	27 Do you know your phone number?
28	29 Play a matching game	30				





# Letters & words at home & around town.




### Learning Tips

- Place alphabet letters in a container. Pull them out one at a time and name them.
- Have child 'read' familiar business signs when down the street.
- Write letters of alphabet on paper. Sing alphabet song slowly and have your child point to each letter as you sing.
- Make name cards for family members. Help your child place them at places at the dinner table.

# December 2021

### Suggested Books This Month

- Wombat Devine* – Mem Fox
- The Night Before Christmas*- C.Moore
- Only One You* – Linda Kranz
- Hairy Maclary*- Lynley Dodd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Count Down to Christmas	2 Practise writing your name with capital letter at start. "Emma"	3	4 Name fruits and vegetables in your fridge.
5	6 Identify letters on cans of food in your cupboard.	7	8 Sing songs as you help clean or cook today.	9 	10 Letter Hunt at home or down town. Find all the letters in your name.	11
12 Put on music and dance .	13	14	15 Write a list for Santa.	16	17 Cook some cookies – count & measure.	18 
19 <b>Green Week:</b> Look for items that are green.	20 	21 Read family member names as you hang Christmas sacks	22 Sing Christmas carols	23 Read a Christmas story.	24 <b>Merry Christmas!</b>	25
26 Cut shapes from left-over Christmas wrap	27	28 Play a game-taking turns with your family.	29 Listen to a quiet story.	30 Write or draw what you are thankful for.	31	





# Get Ready!

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## Suggested Books This Month

*Possum Goes to School* – Melanie Carter




*Wombat goes to school*- Jackie French

*First Day* – Andrew Daddo

*First Day Jitters*- Julie Danneburg

# January

# 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 <u>Teachers Only</u> at School Today					1 Practise opening and closing your lunch box.
2 Adjust bed time to what it will be on a school night.	3 Wear your new school shoes for a while each day.	4	5 Pack up your toys after you play with them.	6 	7 Practise packing and unpacking your school bag.	8 Have a picnic lunch using your school lunch box.
9	10 Practise zipping & buttoning	11	12	13 Are you an expert on writing your name yet?	14	15 Complete a puzzle together.
16 Practise opening and closing your lunch box.	17 	18 Have a walk near the school with a parent.	19	20 Label all of your school supplies with your name.	21	22 Try on your new school uniform.
23	24 Read stories about starting school.	25 Practise packing and unpacking your school bag.	26	27	28 <u>Teachers Only</u> at School Today	29 Extra hugs at story time today.



# WELCOME



## Learning Tips

- Your attitude is contagious- Be positive and excited about school.
- ASK “What was your favourite part about school today?”
- School is a busy place. Your child will be tired after school.
- Be Prepared- rushing or stress can impact your child’s day.
- Praise your child when they take on new challenges.
- Down time at the end of the day will help rest your child’s mind for another busy day of school.
- Children all grow & develop at different rates. Let them settle into school routines and find out how they learn best- If you are worried speak to the teacher.
- Be on time at pick up. A smiling familiar face at the end of a busy day means the world.

# February

# 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2021 Kindergarten Best Start Interviews	2 2021 Kindergarten Best Start Interviews	3 2021 Kindergarten Best Start Interviews	4 First day at Big School! Meet at the mushrooms at 10am Finish at 2:50	5 First week complete! Extra nap & cuddles today!
6	7 Start Time at 9:15 meet at mushrooms. Finish at 2:50	8 Start Time at 9:15 meet at mushrooms. Finish at 2:50	9 Start Time at 9:15 meet at mushrooms. Finish at 2:50	10 Start Time at 9:15 meet at mushrooms. Finish at 2:50	11 First Full Day for Kindergarten – Daisy Line-ups 9:15-3:15	12 
13 Bus travel can begin this week	14 Homework Begins	15	16	17 	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	<b>Remember to pack</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lunchbox with sandwich and snacks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> School Hat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A piece of fruit for fruit break in a separate container</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spare clothes, just in case.</li> </ul>				

