

# TALKING CALENDAR DECEMBER 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
"Talk. Connect. Learn."			1 Talk about what has been happening - in the garden, at Kindy, on TV.	2 Play 'I Spy with my little eye'. Use shapes, colours, sounds, letters.	3 4 Sing nursery rhymes. Role play what's happening with dolls and teddies	
5 Set up a storytime routine. Choose 3 books to read together.	6 Talk about the functions of objects, e.g. "You cut with a..."	7 Think of as many kitchen items as you can that are NOT food.	8 Talk about signs you see	9 10 Talk about shapes and sizes of things. Use words to describe more/less, small/big, etc.		11 Talk about books including print and illustrations. Predict what will happen in the story.
12 Have a dance party! When the music is fast, dance fast, when it's slow, dance slow	13 Play "What am I?" Describe common objects/animals for the other person to guess	14 Play a rhyming game! Tell me a word that rhymes with...?	15 16 Go for a walk. Stop frequently to observe and comment what you can see, smell and hear		17 Make a shopping list together	18 Ask 'where' questions when reading stories
19 Ask your child to help you sort the washing	20 Help your child write a letter to Santa or a family member	21 22 Ask your child to help sort the groceries. Discuss why some items need to be kept in specific places, e.g. "Ice-cream needs to go in the freezer so it doesn't melt."		23 Play 'Mystery Bag'. Take turns to feel and describe objects for others to guess.	24 Ask 'when' questions when reading stories	25 Talk about why you like your Christmas presents!
26 Look through a photo album. Describe and discuss your memories.	27 Talk about books including what are letters, words, sentences, and pictures	28 Talk about the steps you take in cooking activities, like making a sandwich	29 30 Talk about new experiences you would like to try in the new year		31 Follow your child's lead during pretend play, e.g. Shops, cafes, doctors, etc.	A hearing test is a great idea to ensure optimal hearing levels for language, learning and literacy!

# TALKING CALENDAR JANUARY 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	31	"Talk. Connect. Learn."				1 Play 'Simon Says'. Give one- and two-part instructions
2 Ask 'who' questions when reading stories	3 Talk about the letters and sounds in your child's name. Show them upper and lowercase letters	4 Break up longer words into syllables. Clap once for each syllable (e.g. el-e-phant)	5 Make shapes out of playdough	6 Name as many things as you can from a category, e.g. toys, food, animals	7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Talk about books including how to read (front to back cover, left page then right page, top to bottom)</div>	8
9 Practice name writing using different materials (e.g. chalk on the footpath, stick on the sand, etc.)	10 Read a story to your child, and encourage them to retell it to another family member or friend	11 Ask 'what will happen next' when reading stories	12 Act out a familiar story (e.g. A fairy tale), and imagine a different ending to the story	13 Put on a blindfold, and ask your child to direct you to a hidden 'treasure'	14 Play musical statues. Change the rules by dancing when the music is off, and freezing when it is on	15 Play a board game or card game that requires turn-taking
16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px;">Choose 1-2 new words when you're reading books. Talk about the meaning and relate it to some of your child's experiences.</div>	17	18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px;">Set up a holiday photo book and talk about the fun things you did over the holidays.</div>	19	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px;">Make an obstacle course at home. Direct your child where to go and how to get there (e.g. Walk behind..., Climb over..., Crawl under...)</div>	21	22 Listen to your child's thoughts about starting school
23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 50px; height: 50px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;">Prep</div>	24	25	26 Listen to your child's thoughts about their experiences of school so far	27	28	29