



Early Literacy Challenge

Helping prepare your child for Kindergarten can be fun —
Just sing, talk, read, write, and play with your child everyday!

Do the following activities during the month of August and return your completed sheet before the end of the month for an entry into a drawing for a goodie bag.

<input type="checkbox"/> Look at a calendar and say the names of the months. What month is it now?	<input type="checkbox"/> As you read a book, point to a picture and ask what is the beginning sound of the word.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sit quietly in the house for 1 minute. Then sit outside for 1 minute. How were the sounds the same or different?	<input type="checkbox"/> Make different shapes using yarn.	<input type="checkbox"/> Use your senses to explore a marshmallow. How does it look, feel, smell, sound and taste?
<input type="checkbox"/> How many words can you think of that rhymes with hot? What about swim? Or play?	<input type="checkbox"/> Say the nursery rhyme, "Little Bo Peep" several times throughout the day.	<input type="checkbox"/> Draw a picture of your favorite summertime activity.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sing the silliest song you know in your silliest voice.	<input type="checkbox"/> Talk about what makes you happy.
<input type="checkbox"/> Take a trip to a park together and play a game of I Spy.	<input type="checkbox"/> Count your fingers. How many do you have? How many toes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Make sugar cookies and form them into the letters of your name.	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a fruit salad together. Count how many types of fruit you use.	<input type="checkbox"/> Stop when you get to the middle of a book and ask your child what they think will happen in the story.
<input type="checkbox"/> Sing "I'm a Little Teapot" with the actions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Read a story that has several words that begin with the letter R. Really emphasis the /r/ sound.	<input type="checkbox"/> Read a nonfiction book about insects. Then go for a walk and see if you can find any.	<input type="checkbox"/> Count some items in your kitchen. How many spoons? Cups? etc. How can you sort them?	<input type="checkbox"/> How many letters can you find as you drive to the library?
<input type="checkbox"/> Sit outside and write/draw seven things that you see.	<input type="checkbox"/> Print is everywhere. Point out words wherever you go today.	<input type="checkbox"/> Play Hide & Seek.	<input type="checkbox"/> Talk about things you do in the morning, in the afternoon, and in the evening.	<input type="checkbox"/> Play "Echo Me." Clap or stomp and have your child repeat your pattern.

Name _____

E-mail or phone number _____