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 September and return your completed
sheet before the end of the month for an entry into a drawing for a goodie bag.

☐ Go around the house and name all of the orange things you see.	☐ Draw a treasure map. Hide a 'treasure' and have someone else use the map to find it.	☐ Gather 5-10 objects. Say the beginning sound of one and have your child guess the object.	☐ Practice catching, bouncing and kicking a ball.	☐ Talk about what pet you would get if you could have any one you wanted. Why would you choose that one?
☐ Read a story that has several words that begin with the letter F. Really emphasis the /f/ sound.	☐ Make a card for a grandparent or neighbor.	☐ Read a book about a zoo. Talk about what animals you might see in a zoo.	☐ Make up new words to the song, "Old MacDonald had a farm."	☐ Make Oobleck—2 parts cornstarch and 1 part water. Is it a liquid or a solid?
☐ Paint a picture, mixing paints as you go to create new colors.	☐ Use toothpicks to form some letters and shapes.	☐ Put 5 toys in order from smallest to largest.	☐ Pretend you are a pirate and count to 10 in your pirate voice.	☐ Play "Follow the Leader."
☐ Clap your hands as you sing each letter of the alphabet.	☐ Name some body parts and what you do with them.	☐ Find 3 things that are bigger than your hand. 3 things that are smaller.	☐ Read a story about a farm. Talk about all the different animals you might see.	☐ Count all the squares you can see while reading a book.
☐ Check out a music CD from the library.	☐ Say a nursery rhyme and talk about the words that rhyme. Can you think of other words that rhyme?	☐ Write your child's name on a piece of paper. Have them trace it with 5 different colors.	☐ Draw a picture of your favorite animal.	☐ Sing "The Wheels on the Bus" with actions.

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