



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

<p>Make a bookmark. Decorate it with crayons, markers, stickers, etc.</p>	<p>Write or draw a list of things you want to do this month.</p>	<p>Play "I Spy" with directions. 'I spy something under the table, next to your shoe.'</p>	<p>Draw letters and shapes by dipping a cotton swab in paint.</p>	<p>Use a sponge in the bathtub and squeeze water to fill a cup.</p>
<p>Read a story that has several words that begin with the letter K. Really emphasis the /k/ sound.</p>	<p>Make a snowflake out of mini marshmallows and toothpicks.</p>	<p>Practice writing letters in a pan filled with rice.</p>	<p>Count out 5 crayons. If you take away 1, how many do you have?</p>	<p>How many words can you think of that rhyme with "snow"?</p>
<p>Build a fort with chairs and a blanket over the top of them. Read a book while inside it.</p>	<p>Talk about how you are feeling today. Are you happy? Tired? Sad?</p>	<p>Sing "Frosty the Snowman."</p>	<p>Decorate sugar cookies. Talk about what color frosting you use.</p>	<p>Count how many clothes you put on to go outside.</p>
<p>Wrap up in your favorite blanket. Name all the colors, shapes, and patterns on it.</p>	<p>Write your name on a piece of paper and count how many letters you have in your name.</p>	<p>Play "Do as I do" and clap, stomp, jump, or walk as the other person follows you.</p>	<p>String o-shaped cereal pieces on a pipe cleaner, and bend it into a candy cane shape.</p>	<p>Find things that start with /s/. Clap how many syllables are in the word.</p>
<p>Create a gingerbread house out of graham crackers and frosting.</p>	<p>Read a story about friends. Talk about the beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>	<p>How high can you count?</p>	<p>Use your senses to explore an orange. How does it look, feel, smell, sound, and taste?</p>	<p>Sing your favorite winter song.</p>

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