EARLY LITERACY ACTIVITY SHEET

Win prizes by completing the activities inside!

RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO PRESCHOOL

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COMPLETE 4 OUT OF 5 ACTIVITIES FOR EACH SIMPLE STEP, THEN PLACE A STICKER ON THE CORRESPONDING CIRCLE. ONCE YOU HAVE ALL 5 STICKERS, YOU WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE!

**READ WITH ME!**
- Creating a love of reading will help your child learn for the rest of their lives!
- Visit the library and borrow books to read at home.
- Attend a library program (See our event calendar at dmpl.org/events.)
- Build a cozy reading spot and snuggle up to read.
- Walk around your neighborhood, and point out letters that you see.
- Read together outside.

**WRITE WITH ME!**
- Scribbling, drawing, and using those finger muscles will help prepare your child to write!
- Complete a puzzle together.
- Use Play-Doh to make play foods.
- Draw letters or shapes outside with chalk, in sand, or in snow.
- Draw a picture of your family and talk about what makes each person special.
- Draw simple lines on paper and have your child cut or tear on the lines.

**PLAY WITH ME!**
- Playtime allows your child to develop their creativity, vocabulary, and social skills!
- Stack blocks or boxes as tall as you can.
- Pretend you are an animal; what sounds do you make?
- Practice throwing balls or other soft objects into a box or basket.
- Build something using items you find outside.
- Make creatures from Play-Doh and act out a story with them.

**SING WITH ME!**
- Singing helps your child hear the sounds of words and helps build vocabulary!
- Play music and dance together.
- Create an instrument with items you find around the house.
- Make up your own silly song as you complete work around the house.
- Listen to a new type of music together.
- Sing your favorite song, then sing it faster and faster.

**TALK WITH ME!**
- Asking questions and talking with your child will help them learn new words!
- Point to foods in the grocery store and ask your child to identify the food or its color.
- Take a walk in the park and see how many animals and bugs you can find together.
- Tell your child three things you love about them.
- Count your steps as you walk together.
- Have your child help sort laundry, then talk about what makes the items the same or different.