



Early Literacy Extras:

Parents and caregivers are a child's first and best teachers. Here are some ideas and activities to try this week with your child. These five practices are designed to help your child develop literacy skills, engage your child, and enhance the bonds between you. Storytimes at the Adams County Library support Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards.

This week's theme was: **Chicks**

Read: Watch Miss Cindie read *Peepsqueak!* by Leslie Ann Clark on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk to your child about all the different names that they might know for different baby animals. Teach them some new ones.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Make a chick snack! Mix sunflower seeds, nuts, dry cereal, dry fruit, popcorn or whatever you like to make a yummy mix. In the spring you can take a trip to your local feed store and your child can see some live, peeping chicks for sale.

Write: Help your child to glue some yellow pom-poms to a blank piece of paper. You can let them draw little legs sticking out with an orange crayon or marker. Practice counting all the little chicks.

Rhymes to do at Home

Ten Little Chicks

Five eggs and five eggs
(hold up both hands)
That makes ten
Sitting on the top
Is the mother hen
(cover one hand with the other)
Crack, crack, crack
What do I see?
Ten little chicks as
Cute as can be!
(hold up 10 fingers)

Little Chick Waits

Little chick waits
in her egg of white
Curled up cozy,
oh so tight
Then she taps out a hole
with her beak, beak, beak
And pops from her shell
with a peep, peep, peep