



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: National Poetry Month

Read: Watch Miss Theresa read *Daniel Finds a Poem* by Micha Archer and *Imagine* by Juan Felipe Herrera on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Read the "Rhymes to do at Home" aloud and talk about what they mean. Find lots more fun kids poetry in books or online to read aloud.

Sing: Sing *Down by the Bay* and take turns coming up with things that rhyme.

Play: Act out a poem like *I'm a Little Teapot* or *Humpty Dumpty*. Or put on a puppet show of *Hey Diddle Diddle* with some simple popsicle stick and paper cutout puppets.

Write: Help your child write an acrostic poem about themselves using the letters in their name as the first letters in each line. Then write one about a pet or favorite toy using their name.

Rhymes to do at Home

Keep a Poem in Your Pocket

By Beatrice Schenk de Regniers

Keep a poem in your pocket
And a picture in your head
And you'll never feel lonely at
Night when you're in bed

The little poem will sing to you
And the little picture bring to you
A dozen dreams to dance to you
At night when you're in bed

So -
Keep a picture in your pocket and
a poem in your head
And you'll never feel lonely
At night when you're in bed

Put Something in It

By Shel Silverstein

Draw a crazy picture,
Write a nutty poem,
Sing a mumble-gumble song,
Whistle through your comb.
Do a loony-goony dance
'Cross the kitchen floor,
Put something silly in the world
That ain't been there before.