



### 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:  
**Friendship**

**Read:** Watch Miss Emily read *Bug Bear* by Patricia Hegarty on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

**Talk:** Talk with your child about being a good friend. You can also use this as an opportunity to talk about respect and personal space and boundaries.

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** Make a bug treat to share with a friend. Spread some peanut butter onto celery sticks and then stick some raisins in the peanut butter. Bugs on a Log!

**Write:** Make some rock bugs which you can also share with friends. Or you can leave them on sidewalks and parks to bring a smile to someone's face. Paint some rocks any color you want. Once they are dry you can glue on googly eyes, sequins, paper wings or pipe cleaner legs.

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### Find a Friend Song

*(Sung to the tune of This Old Man)*

Find a friend, Say "Hello!"

Help to make your friendship grow.

Be good to your friends,

And they'll be good to you.

Find new friends, keep old ones too!

#### Having a Friend

*By Tim Seston*

Whether you're four . . . or forty-one

Having a friend . . . is really fun

You can dance, draw a picture,

Maybe go for a walk,

Read a book, play a game,

Sit on the couch and simply talk

You can eat a yummy snack;

Do something silly when you're done

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