



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: Earth Day

Read: Watch Miss Crystal read *Penguins Don't Wear Sweaters* by Marikka Tamura on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk with your child about how this story actually happened. Sometimes human actions can lead to problems for animals.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Go outside and enjoy the earth! Make a simple scavenger hunt while you get out in nature. Have your child find things like, 2 pinecones, 3 different color flowers, a white rock, etc. You could also bring a plastic bag to clean up litter along the way.

Write: Make a "Little Earth". Put some water into a muffin tin. Add green food dye to some and blue dye to others. Using an eyedropper, or a small paint brush, let your child paint or drip some color onto a round coffee filter. Let it dry and hang it in the window for the sun to shine through.

Rhymes to do at Home

We've Got the World Around Us

(tune: He's Got the Whole World In His Hands)

We've got the world around us in our hands,
We've got the world around us in our hands,
We've got the world around us in our hands,
It's ours to take care of.
We've got the mountains and the valleys
in our hands,
We've got the deserts and the forests
in our hands,
We've got the jungles and the plains in our
hands,
They're ours to take care of.
We've got the birds and the bees in our hands,
We've got the creatures of the seas in our
hands,
We've got the tigers and the bears in our
hands,
They're ours to take care of.

This Land Is Your Land

by Woody Guthrie

This land is your land and this land is my land
From California to the New York island
From the redwood forest
to the Gulf Stream waters
This land was made for you and me

As I went walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway
Saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and me