



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:
Spring

Read: Watch Miss Cindie read *Skunk's Spring Surprise* by Leslea Newman on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about the changing seasons. Which season is their favorite? What is their favorite thing about Spring?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Put on your own performance, just like the animals in the book. Get out some costumes, instruments and puppets and see what your child comes up with.

Write: Make a paper plate raincloud. Cut a white paper plate in half and let your child glue cotton balls all over it. You can attach some different colored streamers or ribbons to the bottom of the plate to make a rainbow, or some strings with paper cut-out rain drops taped to them. Hang in a window!

Rhymes to do at Home

The Eensy Weensy Spider

By Raffi

The eensy weensy spider
Went up the water spout
Down came the rain and
Washed the spider out
Out came the sun and
Dried up all the rain
And the eensy weensy spider
Went up the spout again

Then the little spider
Began to weave her thread
Of gossamer and silk
She spun herself a bed
Round and round she went
Till all her work was done
And soon a magic web lay
Gleaming in the sun

Oh Mr. Sun

Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
Please shine down on me
Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
Hiding behind that tree
These little children
Are asking you
To please come out
So they can play with you
Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun
Please shine down on me.