



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: **Monkeys**

Read: Watch Miss Sherry read *Two Little Monkeys* by Mem Fox on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about monkeys. Ask your child if they think it would be fun to live like a monkey. Do they like to jump and climb? Do they like to eat bananas and other fruits?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Bring your little monkeys to the park and help them safely climb and jump and swing. This kind of play is great for early child development.

Write: Assemble a monkey out of brown paper circles. You or your child can cut out two big circles out of dark brown paper for the head and body of the monkey. Cut a smaller light brown circle for the face and two even smaller circles for the ears. Glue everything onto a white paper and then you can add arms legs, a tail, eyes, nose and mouth with markers.

Rhymes to do at Home

Five Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed
One fell off and bumped her head
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Repeat with

Four little monkeys...
Three little monkeys...
Two little monkeys...

One little monkey jumping on the bed
She fell off and bumped her head
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,
"It's time for all the monkeys to go to bed!"

The Itsy Bitsy Monkey

The itsy bitsy monkey
Climbed up the coconut tree
Down came a coconut
And hit him on the knee

Out came a lion
Shaking his mighty mane
And the itsy bitsy monkey
Climbed up the tree again