



### 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:  
**Friends**

**Read:** Watch Miss Sherry read *Duncan the Story Dragon* by Amanda Driscoll on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

**Talk:** Talk with your child about being a good friend and not making assumptions about others before you get to know them.

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** With your child take turns "reading" some books to each other. Even if they're not reading yet they can tell you the story if it's a book they know, or they can just tell what they see in the pictures.

**Write:** Make a paper plate dragon. Cut a white paper plate in half and paint one half to be the dragon body. Cut the remaining half in half. Use one quarter to cut out a head and a tail. Cut the other quarter in half for two triangular wings. Staple together and decorate!

### 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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