



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: **Bees**

Read: Watch Miss Jess read *Please Please the Bees* by Gerald Kelley on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about how important bees are. Bees help all our yummy food to grow. And they make honey! You can also talk about how important it is to not take things for granted and to make sure we give back to others in our community.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Hide a bunch of yellow pompom bees (or cutout paper bees) all around the house, or outside, and have your child try to find the bees and "buzz" them back to "the hive" which could be any kind of container or basket.

Write: Make some toilet paper tube bees. Let your child paint them with yellow and black stripes. When that dries you can glue on some paper wings, some googly eyes and pipe cleaner antennae.

Rhymes to do at Home

Here is the Beehive

Here is the beehive
(hold up fist)
But where are all the bees?
Hidden away where nobody sees.
Oh! Here they come!
Creeping out of the hive!
Let's count them.
(bring out one finger at a time)
One, two three, four, five!

The Bees in the Flowers

(to the tune of Wheels on the Bus)

The bees in the flowers go buzz buzz buzz
Buzz buzz buzz, buzz buzz buzz
The bees in the flowers go buzz buzz buzz
All around the town

The ants in the grass go march march march...
The crickets in the leaves go chirp chirp
chirp...

The firefly at night goes blink blink blink
Blink blink blink blink blink blink
The firefly at night goes blink blink blink
All around the town