



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: **Sea**

Read: Watch Miss Sherry read *The Pout Pout Fish* by Deborah Diesen on our Youth Services Facebook page.

Talk: Talk about things that might make you sad. What do you do to try to not be so sad?

Sing: Rhymes To Do At Home

Play: Play a guessing game while helping their tactile sense. Take a bag that cannot be seen through and put some things in. Shells, coins, rocks, toys, etc. Invite your child over to help you solve a mystery. Have them reach their hands in and find one object. Encourage them to explore it with their fingers inside the bag or with their eyes closed. Ask them to describe what they feel and guess what they are holding. Then have them pull it out and look at the object they have picked.

Write: Make your own pout pout fish. Cut a triangle off one side of a paper plate to make a fish mouth. Tear different colored paper and glue it to the plate to make scales. Give your pout pout fish a dreary-weary face.

Rhymes To Do At Home

All the Fish

(tune: One Little, Two Little...)

All the fish are swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water, swimming in
the water.

All the fish are swimming in the water,
Bubble, bubble, bubble, POP!

All the ducks paddle in the water...
All the frogs are jumping in the water...
All the pigs are muddy in the water...
All the kids are splashing in the water...
All the hippos are napping in the water...

*Do the motions called for in the song and
and clap loud with each "POP!"*

Out to Sea

A goldfish went out to sea sea sea (*wiggle
hand*)

To see what she could see see see (*hand
to forehead to look far away*)

But all that she could see see see (*shrug
shoulders and put hand to forehead to look far
away*)

Was the bottom of the deep blue sea sea
sea (*wiggle hand down low*)