



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: **Birds**

Read: Watch Miss Emily read *Peck, Peck, Peck* by Lucy Cousins on our Youth Services Facebook page.

Talk: Talk about the different kind of birds there are. What birds do you see when outside?

Sing: Rhymes To Do At Home

Play: Make a nest. A bird needs a nest to rest at and to raise chicks. Your child can build a small nest or one that they can climb into. Let them choose what materials they want to use but be there to help them choose and to use the materials. Offer help if a child gets frustrated. A little frustration is not a bad thing, but you want don't want kids to get upset or give up either. You know your kids! If you think they can figure it out give them a minute. If not, before you jump in, offer your help and let them agree. Also offer specific praise. "Wow, you used all kinds of materials to create your nest!" "I love how you included X and X" or "I can tell that you are working really hard on building your nest!"

Write: Make a bird feeder! Using cheerios, string the cereal on a piece of string, pipe cleaner, or other hangable object and place outside for the birds to snack on.

Rhymes To Do At Home

Little Bird

I saw a little bird go hop, hop, hop (*hop three times*)
I told the little bird to stop, stop, stop (*hold out hand for stop*)
I went to the window to say "How do you do?" (*handshake*)
He wagged his little tail and far away he flew! (*shake tail and fly away*)

Little Birds, Little Birds

Little birds, little birds, jump up and down.
Little birds, little birds, don't make a sound!
Little birds, little birds, tip-toe to me.
Little birds, little birds, bend your knees!
Little birds, little birds, peep, peep, peep.
Little birds, little birds, sleep, sleep, sleep.
Little birds, little birds, fly to the leaves!
Little birds, little birds, sit down, please.