



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: **Time to Laugh**

Read: Watch Miss Karin read *Picky Mrs. Pickle* by Christine M. Schneider and *Are You a Horse?* by Andy Rasha on our Youth Services Facebook page.

Talk: Tell some jokes! Silly stories, riddles, rhymes and jokes may suddenly seem hilarious to children as they develop their own sense of humor. To say that most children love jokes would be an understatement. Children like to hear them, tell them and make up their own, often terrible, silly jokes that don't make any sense!

Sing: Rhymes To Do At Home

Play: Make an obstacle course. What wacky ways can you go around your yard or house? Squawk and dance like a chicken, hop like a kangaroo while singing a silly song, maybe slither like a snake?

Write: Get some chocolate pudding and put it on a tray. Let them practice their letters with chocolate pudding finger painting!

Rhymes To Do At Home

Silly Hat Song

(tune: *This Old Man*)

On my head, I wear my hat.
It is such a silly hat
That my head will wiggle waggle to and
fro
Where else can my silly hat go?

[Repeat using foot, elbow and knee.]

Shake Your Sillies Out

Shake, shake, shake your sillies out
Shake, shake, shake your sillies out
Shake, shake, shake your sillies out
And wiggle your waggles away

Clap, clap, clap your crazies out ...
Nod, nod, nod your naughties out ...
Jump, jump, jump your jiggles out ...