



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: **Holiday**

Read: Watch Miss Crystal read *Bear Stays Up for Christmas* by Karma Wilson on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about what you do for the holidays. What traditions do you have? What traditions have you heard about other people doing?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Play a sorting game. Organize cookies by shape or color. Don't forget to enjoy them!

Write: Letters to loved ones are a great way to promote early literacy skills during the holiday season. Color pictures to leave for Santa or to give as gifts.

Rhymes to do at Home

Here is the Chimney

Here is the chimney (Make fist, enclose thumb)
Here is the top (Palm of hand on top of fist)
Open the lid (Remove hand quickly)
And out Santa will pop (Pop up thumb)

Let's All Do a Little Clapping

(Tune: We Wish You a Merry Christmas)

Let's all do a little clapping
Let's all do a little clapping
Let's all do a little clapping
And spread holiday cheer.
(Jumping, bending, twirling, sitting))