



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: **Senses**

Read: Watch Miss Theresa read *The Bear Went Over the Mountain* as told by Iza Trapani on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about the five senses and what the bear experienced using his five senses. What things do you experience with your five senses?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Go for an outdoor adventure. Play "I Spy", "I Sniff", or "I Hear". What other senses can you use?

Write: Fold two pieces of paper in half and staple the folded edge to create a book with four pages. Have your child write *The Bear Went Over the Mountain* on the cover. Opening the book and starting with the left (inside cover), write the words See, Hear, Smell, Touch, Taste, on the top of each successive page. Have your child illustrate either Bear or themselves doing something with that sense.

Rhymes to do at Home

My Eyes are Made for Seeing

(tune: *The Bear Went Over the Mountain*)

My eyes are made for seeing,
My eyes are made for seeing,
My eyes are made for seeing
So I can see my world

ears...hearing,
nose...smelling,
mouth...tasting,
hands...touching

I Use My Eyes to See

(Tune: *The Farmer and the Dell*)

I use my eyes to see, I use my eyes to see,
And when I want to see a star, I use my eyes to see.

I use my nose to smell, I use my nose to smell,
And when I want to smell a flower, I use my nose to smell.

I use my tongue my to taste, I use my tongue to taste,
And when I want to taste an apple, I use my tongue to taste.

I use my ears to hear, I use my ears to hear,
And when I want to hear a bird, I use my ears to hear.

I use my hands to touch, I use my hands to touch,
And when I want to touch a cat,
I use my hands to touch..