



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 Emily read *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* by Bill Martin, Jr. on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about the five senses and what sense Polar Bear used in our story. Talk about things you experience with your different senses.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Play the touch game under Rhymes to do at Home. If your child is too young to point themselves, help them out and move their hand to touch.

Write: Create your own sensory bin. In a large container, put rice, cereal, brown sugar, or something similar in. Put some toys in and have some fun. Playing in a sensory bin is great for developing fine motor skills and you and your child can have fun using your senses.

Rhymes to do at Home

Five Senses

(tune: *Where is Thumbkin?*)

Five senses, five senses
We have them. We have them.
Seeing, hearing, touching,
Tasting and smelling.
There are five, there are five.

Touch Game

Touch your nose, touch your chin,
That's the way this game begins.

Touch your eyes, touch your knees,
Now pretend you're going to sneeze!

Touch your hair, touch one ear,
Touch your two little lips right here

Touch your elbows where they bend,
That's the way this touch game ends!