



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: **Feelings**

Read: Watch Miss Jess read *Happy Hippo, Angry Duck* by Sandra Boynton on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about different emotions we can have. What faces do you make when you feel these different emotions?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: An easy way to help children show, interpret, and identify feelings is to play a game of charades! Act out or make facial expressions to show an emotion and have your child guess what emotion that is.

Write: On a piece of paper, draw a circle. Use this circle as a face and have your child draw themselves and how they are feeling. If they are younger, draw some faces with different emotions and have them point to the emotions that you name.

Rhymes to do at Home

If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it,
clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it,
clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it,
Then your face will surely show it.
If you're happy and you know it,
clap your hands.

If you're angry and you know it,
stomp your feet,
If you're scared and you know it, hide
your eyes.

Where is Happy?

(tune: Are You Sleeping, Brother John)

Where is happy? Where is happy?
Here I am, here I am *(smile.)*
How are you today, sir?
Very well, I thank you.
Good day, sir. Good day, sir.

*Repeat with other emotions, using
voice to convey feelings*