



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: **Animals in Winter**

Read: Watch Miss Emily read *Little Penguins* by Cynthia Rylant on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about what animals you see during the winter time around your house. Some animals live where it is cold all the time, like penguins. Can you think of other animals that live where it's cold all the time?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Make a penguin sensory bin to play with. Load a container with white cotton balls and penguins. Add other winter related toys and let your little one have fun. To work on some fine-motor skills, have your child use tongs to play.

Write: Cut out a U-shaped piece of black construction paper. Add two white circles for eyes and an orange triangle for a nose. Have your child paint the penguin's white belly with finger paint!

Rhymes to do at Home

Did You Ever See a Penguin?

(Tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie?)

Did you ever see a penguin, a
penguin, a penguin?
Did you ever see a penguin waddle
this way and that?
Waddle this way and that way,
waddle this way and that way
Did you ever see a penguin waddle
this way and that?

Waddling Penguin

(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Penguins, penguins,
It's so much fun
Waddling in the winter sun.
Waddling fast and waddling
slow,
Waddling to and waddling fro.
Penguins, penguins,
Wish I were one,
Waddling in the winter sun.