



### 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 is: **Stars**

**Read:** Watch Miss Crystal read *Stars* by Mary Lyn Ray on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

**Talk:** Talk about where and when we see stars? Talk about what constellations are. Find a book about constellations or read about it on the Power Library website <https://kids.powerlibrary.org/>

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** Draw out some constellations with chalk. Place stones on where the stars are in the constellation.

**Write:** Cut out a circle from black construction paper that will fit onto a flashlight. Poke holes in the paper. They can be random or shaped like a constellation. Go into a dark room and turn on the flashlight and take a look at your stars!

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### Five Bright and Shining Stars

*(tune: Five Green and Speckled Frogs)*

Five bright and shining stars *(hold up five fingers)*

Up in the dark night sky

Glowing as brightly as they can *(clap, clap)*

One disappears from sight, as the sun brings its morning light *(take away one finger)*

Now there are four bright and shining stars. *(Count down until the sun is up and the stars are gone)*

#### Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, *(open and close fingers with each word)*

How I wonder what you are. *(look up and tap head with a finger)*

Up above the world so high, *(reach up to the sky)*

Like a diamond in the sky. *(make a diamond shape with your hands)*

Twinkle, twinkle, little star *(open and close fingers with each word)*

How I wonder what you are. *(look up and tap head with a finger)*