



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: **Snowmen**

Read: Watch Miss Cindie read *Pip and Squeak* by Ian Schoenherr on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about what snow is and the things that we can do in the snow. What steps do you need to take to build a snowman?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Make some edible snow to make a snow sensory bin. Mix 10 cups of flour with 6 ounces of oil (vegetable, olive, coconut, etc.) Add some winter toys and have fun playing in the snow!

Write: Draw a snowman. Take a piece of black construction paper and a piece of white chalk. Draw a snowman, snow, even some mice!

Rhymes to do at Home

I Have a Little Snowman

(tune: I had a Little Turtle)

I built a little snowman *(make large circle with arms)*

He had a carrot nose *(point to nose)*

Along came a bunny *(hold up to bent fingers)*

And what do you suppose? *(shrug)*

That hungry little bunny *(make bunny again)*

Looking for his lunch *(hop bunny around)*

Ate the snowman's nose *(pretend bunny is eating nose)*

Nibble! Nibble! Crunch! *(pretend to be eating a carrot)*

I'm a Little Snowman

(tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little snowman short and fat *(Stand with arms in circle above stomach)*

Here are my buttons *(Point down front of shirt)*

Here is my hat *(Pat top of head)*

When the sun comes out *(Make sun with hands in circle above head)*

I cannot play *(Shake head "no")*

Slowly I just melt away *(Bend slowly down to floor)*