



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. Story Times at the Adams County Library support Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards.

This week's theme: **Summer Heat**

Read: Watch Miss Theresa read *Summer* by Cao Wenxuan and *Down By the Cool of the Pool* by Tony Mitton on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Ask your child if they would rather be too hot or too cold. Why? Talk about what their favorite way to cool off is.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: If you get a good summer downpour take your child out to play in it! If there's no rain in the forecast then get out the sprinkler or just turn on the hose. Fill up some water balloons or soak your toes in the kiddie pool.

Write: Practice fine motor skills by making some tasty ice cubes. Let your child pour their favorite juice into each section of an ice cube tray. (If you have a small pitcher they can pour from it will be easier). They can help you chop some fruit to add to the juice, or add some whole berries. Freeze, then add to water or lemonade and enjoy!

Rhymes to do at Home

Summer's Here

to the tune of Frere Jaques

Days are longer,
Sunshine's stronger.
Summer's here! Summer's here!
Let's jump through the sprinkler.
Let's make lemonade.
Summer's here! Summer's here!

In Summer When it's Hot

to the tune of the Farmer in the Dell

In summer when it's hot
In summer when it's hot
Oh, when it's hot,
I **swim** a lot
In summer when it's hot.

In summer when it's hot
In summer when it's hot
Oh, when it's hot,
I **read** a lot
In summer when it's hot.

In summer when it's hot
In summer when it's hot
Oh, when it's hot,
I **bike** a lot
In summer when it's hot.

Let your child fill in their favorite summer activities for more verses