



### 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: **Thunderstorms**

**Read:** Watch Miss Emily read *The Way the Storm Stops* by Michelle Meadows on our Youth Services Facebook page.

**Talk:** Talk about what happens when there is a thunderstorm. What do you see? What do you hear? Do things sometime scare you?

**Sing:** Rhymes To Do At Home

**Play:** Play the Rain Game. First you silently rub your fingers together. Then you rub your two hands together, making a very soft sound. Next you very softly clap your hands together. Then snap your fingers. Now go back to clapping and clap a little louder than you were snapping. Then a little louder. Then clap loudly. Then stomp your feet and clap, making a lot of noise. Now do it in reverse until it is silent again.

\*This game signifies a rainstorm starting soft, getting louder and louder until it is pouring, with lightning and thunder, and then the calm after the storm when it is quiet again.

**Write:** Write out a list of things to do during a thunderstorm. What fun things can you do?

### Rhymes To Do At Home

#### **The Itsy-Bitsy Spider**

The itsy-bitsy spider went up the water spout (*put one middle finger on the opposite hands thumb. Connect your other middle finger to the other thumb and "walk" your finger up*)  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out (*swing your arms down*)  
Out came the sun (*swing arms up to form an arch over your head*)  
And dried up all the rain  
And the itsy-bitsy spider went up the spout again (*walk fingers back up*)

#### **I Hear Thunder**

(*tune: Frere Jacques*)

I hear thunder. I hear thunder  
How 'bout you? How 'bout you?  
Pitter patter rain drops. Pitter patter rain drops.  
I'm wet through! So are you!

I see blue skies. I see blue skies  
Way up high. Way up high  
Hurry up sunshine! Hurry up sunshine!  
I'll dry soon. I'll dry soon.