



### 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: **Fourth of July**

**Read:** Watch Miss Crystal read *You're My Little Firecracker* by Nicola Edwards on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

**Talk:** Talk about how the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is our country's birthday. Tell your child how old the United States will be this July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** Make an American flag snack. Help your child spread white frosting or yogurt on a graham cracker and then let your child decorate it with red and blue m&m's or strawberries and blueberries.

**Write:** Make a fireworks picture. Take a piece of black construction paper and glue some metallic cupcake liners to the paper. You can also add metallic star stickers to the picture.

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### Goin' on a Picnic

Goin' on a picnic, leaving right away  
If it doesn't rain, we can stay all day!  
Did you bring the lemonade?  
*Yes, we brought the lemonade!*  
Goin' on a picnic, here we go!  
Did you bring the cookies?  
*Yes we brought the cookies!*  
Did you bring the bug spray?  
*Yes we brought the bug spray!*  
Did you bring the blanket?  
*Yes we brought the blanket!*  
Did you bring the watermelon?  
*Yes we brought the watermelon!*  
Goin on a picnic, here we go!

#### The Star Spangled Banner

O say can you see,  
by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed  
at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars  
through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched  
were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare,  
the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night  
that our flag was still there,  
O say does that star-spangled  
banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free  
and the home of the brave?