



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: **Let's Go Flying**

Read: Watch Miss Crystal read *Yellow Copter* by Kersten Hamilton on our Youth Services Facebook page.

Talk: Talk about helicopters and airplanes. Have you ever ridden in one? If you could go anywhere in a helicopter or airplane, where would you go?

Sing: Rhymes To Do At Home

Play: Become a helicopter. Go rescue some toys and stuffed animals from danger by becoming a helicopter!

Write: Follow the directions on the next page to make a paper helicopter.

Rhymes To Do At Home

I'm An Helicopter

(Tune: "Clementine")

I'm an helicopter, I'm an helicopter
Flying up into the sky.
Flying higher, Flying higher
As I watch the clouds go by.
I'm an helicopter, I'm an helicopter
See me flying all around.
Flying lower, flying lower,
Till I land down on the ground.

_____ **the Pilot has a Helicopter** (fill in blank with kids' names) (Tune: "Old MacDonald")

_____ the pilot has a helicopter, zoom, zoom, zoom,
zoom, zoom.

And on that helicopter there are some wings: zoom,
zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom.

With a zoom, zoom here, and a zoom, zoom there, here
a zoom, there a zoom, everywhere a zoom, zoom,
_____ the pilot has a helicopter, zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom,
zoom

_____ the pilot has a helicopter, whoosh, whoosh,
whoosh, whoosh, whoosh

And on that helicopter he/she soars so high, whoosh,
whoosh, whoosh, whoosh, whoosh

With a whoosh, whoosh here, and a whoosh, whoosh,
there

Here a whoosh, there a whoosh, everywhere a
whoosh, whoosh

_____ the pilot has a helicopter, whoosh whoosh,
whoosh, whoosh, whoosh

_____ the pilot has a helicopter, soar, soar, soar, soar, soar
And on that helicopter _____ flies so far,
soar, soar, soar, soar, soar

With a soar, soar here and a soar, soar there
Here a soar, there a soar, everywhere a soar, soar
_____ the pilot has a helicopter, soar, soar, soar, soar,
soar



How to Make a Paper Helicopter

Materials needed:

Paper
Paper Clip

Directions

Start with a 5 by 7' piece of paper or cardstock.

- 1) Fold your card in half lengthwise. Crease the fold with your finger or the edge of your paperclip. Then fold it in half lengthwise again, remembering to crease this fold as well. The width of your card will now be one quarter what it was to begin with.
- 2) Fold your paper in half the opposite way as the previous folds. In essence you will be folding the length of the card in half. Make sure to really crease the fold well.
- 3) Fold each of the loose ends down one inch. You will be folding the ends of the long dimension of your original card. Fold one side first and then flip the paper over so you can fold the other side. Once both sides are folded, open them both up halfway. These folds have now formed the wings of your helicopter.
- 4) Attach the paperclip to the bottom of your helicopter. It should go over where you folded the length of your card in half. Just slip it securely on the end. The paper clip is attached in order to give your helicopter a little weight.
- 5) Drop your helicopter from at least a few feet off the ground. It should gracefully spin to the ground, just like a helicopter