



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: **Goodnight Fairies**

Read: Watch Miss Sherry read *Goodnight Fairies* by Kathleen Hague on our Youth Services Facebook page.

Talk: In the book, fairies do many things including hanging the stars at night and drawing rainbows. Talk about what other things fairies might do. Make up your own stories about the fairies.

Sing: Rhymes To Do At Home

Play: I Believe: Assign one player as the Fairy Catcher, and give them a wand with which to tag other players. Any player who gets tagged must go to the fairy trap (any space designated as such). While the Fairy Catcher rounds up more players, the trapped fairy must clap their hands and say 10 times, "I believe in fairies!" If they manage to say it before the Fairy catcher returns, they are free to run again.

Write: Make a fairy house! Take a toilet paper or paper towel roll and decorate it. Cut out a doorway and any windows you want. Cut some cardboard or paper to make a roof.

Rhymes To Do At Home

5 Little Fairies

(tune: 5 Little Ducks)

5 little fairies playing by the pond,
One fell in and lost her wand.
Mama called the wizard who did
respond,
"No more fairies playing by the pond!"

Four...three...two...one...

Five little fairies sitting by the pond,
Now they have a special bond,
The wizard's lesson finally dawned,
How NOT to lose their magic wands!

I Can Go

I can go on tippy-toe,
Like a fairy I can go.
I can stomp so that you'd say
"An elephant's at school today."
I can run, I can hop, I can spin 'round
like a top,
I can stretch my arms out wide,
I can swing from side to side.
I can stand up straight and tall,
I can make myself so small.
I can kneel without a sound,
And sit cross-legged on the ground.