



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: **Animals**

Read: Watch Miss Emily read *Heads and Tails* by John Canty on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: You can continue the game of the book by describing the tail – or head – of more animals, and see if your child can guess the animal. Then ask them to try and stump you.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Make your own game of Pin the Tail on the Animal. Let your child choose their favorite animal – or choose something you can easily draw a simple drawing of! – and play the game with your toddler.

Write: Working with your child, draw an animal on a big piece of poster board. Let them color it in, draw eyes, fur etc., then draw some tails on separate paper. Help your child to cut them out and you're ready to play.

Rhymes to do at Home

Shake Your Bushy Tail

Brown squirrel, brown squirrel
Shake your bushy tail
Brown squirrel, brown squirrel
Shake your bushy tail
Wrinkle up your little nose
Drop a nut between your toes
Brown squirrel, brown squirrel
Shake your bushy tail

The Animals in the Jungle

The parrots in the jungle say
Squawk, squawk, squawk
Squawk, squawk, squawk
Squawk, squawk, squawk
The parrots in the jungle say
Squawk, squawk, squawk
All day long

The Gorillas in the jungle say
Oooh, oooh, oooh

The Tigers in the jungle say
Grrr, grrr, grrr

The Snakes in the jungle say
Ssss, ssss, ssss