



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 is: **We're Alike, We're Different**

Read: Watch Miss Karin read *You Be You* by Linda Kranz and *I Am a Cat* by Galia Bernstein on our Youth Services Facebook page.

Talk: Talk to your child about what the word diversity means. Have an age-appropriate but truthful talk about this. How are people different from them? How are they the same?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Cut out the different fish on the next page author Linda Kranz's website. Tape them to sticks or pencils and have fun playing.

Write: Using old magazines, have your child create a collage of your community by cutting the pictures out of magazines and gluing them onto some paper.

Rhymes to do at Home

Like a Fish Finger Play

I hold my fingers like a fish (*place hands together to form a fish*)
And I wave them as I go (*swim hand fish up and down*)
See them swimming with a swish (*swish hands through the air*)
So swiftly to and fro (*weave hands back and forth*)

Cats

Big cats. (*hold up hand over head*)
Little cats. (*hold hand at knee level*)
Fat cats. (*curve arms, hold out at sides*)
Skinny cats. (*bring arms almost together*)
White cats. (*point to something white*)
Black cats. (*point to something black*)
Brave cats. (*puff out chest*)
Fraidy cats. (*look scared*)
Sleepy cats. (*put head on closed hands*)

