



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: **Summer Nights**

Read: Watch Miss Theresa read *Touch the Brightest Star* by Christie Matheson on our Youth Services Facebook page.

Talk: Talk about all the things you can see at night. There is so much happening when we're normally in bed. Research fireflies, or the Big Dipper, or nocturnal animals. You can read some books online

<https://www.adamslibrary.org/elibrary/ebooks-eaudiobooks> or you can put books on hold and pick them up with our curbside pick-up!

Sing: Rhymes To Do At Home

Play: Play a game of Firefly. This game is a kind of reverse tag in a darkened room or when the sun has set in which all the players are trying to capture one "it"—the firefly, who holds the flashlight. If you live in a place with real fireflies, you can add this game to a firefly catching adventure. Just be sure to release the bugs once you've had a good look at them.

Write: There are hundreds of stars in the sky every night. Some have been connected in a pattern: as a spoon, a bear, a Roman mythological character. Have your child find their own constellations on the next page.

Rhymes To Do At Home

Hoot, Hoot Went the Little Brown Owl

(Tune: Mmm, Ahh Went the Little Green Frog)

Hoot, hoot went the little brown owl one day
Hoot, hoot went the little brown owl
Hoot, hoot went the little brown owl one day
And they all went hoot, hoot, hoot
But...We know owl goes *(clap)*
la de la de la *(wiggle arms around, be silly!)*
La de la de la, la de la de la,
We know owl goes *(clap)* la de la de la
They don't go hoot, hoot, hoot.

Blink, blink went the little firefly one day *(flash your hands like lights)*

Blink, blink went the little firefly
Blink, Blink went the little firefly one day
And they went blink, blink, blink.
But...we know fireflies go *(clap)* rub a dub a dub
(running arms)
Rub a dub a dug, rub a dub a dub,
We know fireflies go *(clap)* rub a dub a dub
(running arms)
They don't go blink, blink, blink.

THE MOON UP ABOVE

(Tune: The Wheels on the Bus)

The moon up above is big and round,
Big and round, big and round.
The moon up above is big and round, up in the sky.
The moon up above is near the stars,
Near the stars, near the stars,
The moon up above is near the stars, up in the sky.
The moon up above is clear and bright,
Clear and bright, clear and bright,
The moon up above is clear and bright, up in the sky.



Make your own constellations. Connect the stars to make whatever animal, person, or thing you want.

