





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: **Pigs**

Read: Watch Miss Jess read *This Little Pig* by Jarvis on our Youth Services Facebook page.

Talk: Count with Miss Jess as she reads the story. Keep track of the number in the story with your child's fingers. If they can, have them call out the number you are on.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Do the finger plays with the Rhymes

Write: Using your child's finger, count how many pigs are on the next page. Let them pick out colors to color the pigs.

Rhymes to do at Home

Two Mother Pigs

Two mother pigs lived in a pen (*show thumbs*)
Each had four babies, and that made ten (*show fingers and thumbs*)

These four babies were pink (*thumb in palm, wiggle fingers*)

These four babies were pink and white (*switch hands, repeat*)

But all eight babies loved to play
And they rolled and rolled in the mud all day (*roll hands*)

At night, with their mother, they curled up in a heap (*clasp hands*)

And squealed and squealed till they fell asleep

Two Little Piggies

Two little piggies sitting on a hill (*hold both of your child's index fingers out and wiggle them*)

One named Jack and the other named Jill (*wiggle each index finger*)

Run away Jack. Run away Jill (*bring each finger, one at a time, behind your back*)

Come back Jack and come back Jill (*bring each finger back in front of you one at a time*)

Two little piggies sitting on a bench
One name fast and the other named slow...
(*bring your one finger behind your back quickly for fast and slowly for slow*)

Two little piggies sitting by a lake
One named quiet and the other named loud...
(*use a quiet voice for quiet and a loud voice for loud*)