



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: **Elephants**

Read: Watch Miss Jess read *Ella Who?* by Linda Ashman on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: An elephant's trunk can be up to 7 feet long! Ask your child how long they think that is and have them mark it on the sidewalk. Then get a tape measure and see how close their guess was.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Make Elephant Ears with store bought pie crust! Roll out one crust. Cover with crumbled butter, sugar, and cinnamon. Top with the second crust. Roll into a log. Cut into 1 inch slices and bake about 20 minutes at 375 degrees.

Write: Some elephants can be taught to paint pictures. Have your child put a sock over their hand and try to hold a paintbrush, to imitate an elephant holding a brush with their trunk. Let your child explore what it's like to paint a picture using their "trunk".

Rhymes to do at Home

Five Elephants Went Out to Play

One elephant went out to play
On a spider's web one day.
She had such enormous fun
That she called for another elephant to
come! Hey Elephant!
2 elephants...
3...
4...

Five little elephants went out to play
On a spider's web one day.
The web went creak,
the web went crack,
And five little elephants
came running back!

The Animal Fair

I went to the Animal Fair
The birds and the beasts were there
The big baboon by the light of the moon
Was combing his auburn hair
The monkey jumped and jumped
And sat on the elephant's trunk
The elephant sneezed
And fell to his knees
And what became of the monk, the
monk?
And what became of the monk?