



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: **Dragons**

Read: Watch Miss Sherry read *Dragon's Extraordinary Gift* by Debi Gliori and *There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight* by Penny Parker Klostermann on our Youth Services Facebook page.

Talk: Talk about what makes dragons different from animals like dinosaurs. Talk about fictional stories vs. non-fiction(true) stories.

Sing: Rhymes To Do At Home

Play: Make some Dragon flames, with bubbles. Get some bubbles and bubble wand and have some fun. Chase a knight around with your dragon breath. How many bubbles can you blow? How big can you get make a bubble?

Write: Follow the instructions on the next page to make a rainbow bubble blower.

Rhymes To Do At Home

Roar Went the Dragon

(Tune: All Around the Mulberry Bush)

In and out the castle gate,
the knight chased the dragon.
The knight thought it twas all in good
fun,
"Roarrrrrr" went the dragon!

Little Dragon

Little dragon counts to three. Little
dragon bends one knee.
Little dragon whistles and sings. Little
dragon flaps his wings.
Little dragon touches his toes, Little
dragon scratches his nose.
Little dragon makes a funny face, Little
dragon runs in place.
Little dragon lays on the floor. Little
dragon starts to snore.
(Do all the motions that Little Dragon does!)



Rainbow Bubble Blower

What you need:

- Empty plastic bottle
- Duct tape
- Old sock
- Dish soap
- Food Coloring



What you do:

Carefully cut the bottom of your bottle off. Slide the sock over the cut hole and tape. Pour some dish soap into a shallow container with a little bit of water and gently mix. Dip the sock covered bubble blower into the solution. Drop a few drops of food coloring onto the sock covered end and gently blow from the opposite end. Remember not to breathe in but only out through the bottle.