



### 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: **Birthdays**

**Read:** Watch Miss Crystal read *Cupcake* by Charlie Mericle Harper on our Youth Services Facebook page.

**Talk:** Talk about birthdays. Remember to talk about how everyone has a birthday. This can help develop your child's empathy by thinking and talking about how another person, or a character in a book, can feel about a familiar event, such as a birthday.

**Sing:** Rhymes To Do At Home

**Play:** Have a dance party! No birthday is complete without a dance party so put on some music and dance. Don't forget to do the hokey-pokey.

**Write:** Have your child decorate the cupcake on the next page. Have them draw the same number of candles as to how old they are.

### Rhymes To Do At Home

#### 5 Little Cupcakes

*(Tune: 5 Little Ducks Went Out One Day)*

Down around the corner at the bakery  
shop,  
were five little cupcakes with candles on  
top.  
Along came someone with a nickel to  
pay.  
They bought a cupcake and took it away.  
Four...three...two...one.

#### Ten Little Candles

*(hold up 10 fingers at the beginning)*

Ten little candles on a birthday cake  
Puff! Puff! *(put two fingers down)*  
Now there are eight.  
Eight little birthday candlesticks  
Puff! Puff!  
Now there are six.  
Six little candles and not one more  
Puff! Puff!  
Now there are four.  
Four little candles, white and blue  
Puff! Puff!  
Now there are two.  
Two little candles, we're almost done  
Puff! Puff!  
Now there are none.



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