



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: **Fourth of July**

Read: Watch Miss Crystal read *Happy Fourth of July, Jenny Sweeney!* by Leslie Kimmelman on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about how the 4th of July is our country's birthday. Tell your child how old the United States will be this July 4th.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Make an American flag snack. Cover a graham cracker with white frosting, or yogurt, and decorate with red and blue m&m's or strawberries and blueberries.

Write: Make some decorations for the holiday. Have your child draw triangles on red, white and blue paper and then have them cut them out. Punch holes in two corners of each triangle. Thread a ribbon or string through the holes of the triangles one at a time to make a patriotic bunting to hang in the house or window.

Rhymes to do at Home

Goin' on a Picnic

Goin' on a picnic, leaving right away
If it doesn't rain, we can stay all day!
Did you bring the lemonade?
Yes, we brought the lemonade!
Goin' on a picnic, here we go!
Did you bring the cookies?
Yes we brought the cookies!
Did you bring the bug spray?
Yes we brought the bug spray!
Did you bring the blanket?
Yes we brought the blanket!
Did you bring the watermelon?
Yes we brought the watermelon!
Goin on a picnic, here we go!

The Star Spangled Banner

O say can you see,
by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched
were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled
banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave?