



### 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: **Beaches**

**Read:** Watch Miss Crystal read *On Gull Beach* by Jane Yolen on our Youth Services Facebook page.

**Talk:** Talk about things you can find at the beach. What animals live on the beach and in the ocean? What plants can you find there? What other things can you find? If you want to access information about beaches, check out PowerKids which has resources like BookFlix and InfoBits. <https://kids.powerlibrary.org/>

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** Have a day at the beach, but at your house. Get out your lawn chairs, towels, and bathing suits. Set up a sprinkler or pool, though a hose will work just fine. Bring out snacks and sunglasses and have a fun day at the beach.

**Write:** Make your own Sand! To make sand, all you need is flour and vegetable oil. Mix 4 cups of flour with ½ cup of oil (double or triple your supplies for more sand). Mix together until the flour is completely moistened and feels like sand. Place in a container with shovels, pails, toys, whatever you'd like to play with. Enjoy!

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### The Sea

*(Sing to Wheels on the Bus)*

The waves on the sea go up and down, up and down, up and down, *(move hands up and down like waves)*

The waves on the sea go up and down,  
All day long.

The sun at the beach goes shine, shine,  
shine... *(open and close hands)*

The crabs at the beach go pinch, pinch,  
pinch... *(make pinchy motion with hands)*

The jellyfish at the beach go wobble wobble  
wobble..... *(wiggle arms like a jellyfish up)*

The seals at the beach go arf, arf, arf... *(clap hands and bark like a seal)*

The seagulls at the beach go skwak, skwak,  
skwak...

The children at the beach have fun fun  
fun... *(gently lap with hands)*

#### Five Little Ocean Friends

*Put up five fingers and put away a finger every time a sea creature leaves. Bring them back when our sea friends come back!*

Five little ocean friends on the ocean floor,  
The starfish walks away and now there are four.

Four little ocean friends living in the sea,  
The crab slides away and now there are three.

Three little ocean friends looking for a clue,  
"Glub, glub" said the lobster, now there are two.

Two little ocean friends not having much fun,  
Off swam the sea horse and now there is one.

One little octopus, sad and all alone.

Back swims the starfish, back swims the crab,  
back swims the lobster, back swims the sea horse,  
And they played in the sea foam, safe in their  
home.