



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: **Music**

Read: Watch Miss Cindie read *Pokko and the Drum* by Matthew Forsythe on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk with your child about all the different instruments you saw in the book. Have fun trying to make the sounds they each make. Ask what instrument they might like to learn how to play.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Find some empty cans, containers, cartons or boxes and invite your child to try drumming on them with their hands or with spoons or sticks. (Coffee cans and tall oatmeal containers make great drums!) Gather other instruments you might have, kazoos, bells, whatever, and make a band or a parade.

Write: With your child draw and color a pattern – like the one on Pokko's drum – on a piece of white paper. Then attach it to one of your homemade drums.

Rhymes to do at Home

Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb

Hand, hand, fingers, thumb
One thumb, one thumb
Drumming on a drum
Dum ditty, dum ditty,
dum dum dum
One hand, two hands
Drumming on a drum
Hands play banjos, strum strum strum
Hands play fiddles, zum zum zum
Dum ditty, dum ditty,
Dum dum dum

Can you sing along with me?

-to the tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb-

Can you **sing** along with me,
along with me, along with me?
Can you **sing** along with me?
Sing with me
Can you **clap** along with me,
along with me, along with me?
Can you **clap** along with me?
Clap with me
Can you **drum** along with me,
along with me, along with me?
Can you **drum** along with me?
Drum with me