



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:
Imagination

Read: Watch Miss Sherry read *The Birthday Box* by Leslie Patricelli on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Make up a story with your child. Start them off with "Once upon a time there was a..." and just keep asking questions like "what happened next?" and, "how did they feel?"

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Get out the dress-up clothes! Find some old costume pieces or items from your closet - scarves, hats, etc. - and see what your child wants to wear. Find a big cardboard box and see what you can pretend it is.

Write: Encourage your child to decorate the outside, or inside of the box to go along with whatever you're pretending it is. Wheels on the outside maybe or buttons or controls on the inside.

Rhymes to do at Home

Can You Pretend?

Let's hear you roar like a lion!
Let's see you jump like a frog!
Let's see you snap your jaws like a
crocodile!

Let's hear you howl like a dog!
Pretend you're an elephant with a big,
loooooong trunk.

Pretend you're a monkey.
Let's see you jump, jump, jump!

And now you're a mouse.
Just let me see
How very small and quiet you can be.

I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little teapot
Short and stout
Here is my handle
Here is my spout
When I get all steamed up
Hear me shout
Tip me over and pour me out