



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: **Desserts**

Read: Watch Miss Jess read *The Cow Loves Cookies* by Karma Wilson on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Have fun going through all the farm animals in the book and imagining what their favorite sweet treat or snack might be if they didn't eat their normal food. Ask your child what their favorites are.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Have a tea party with your child. Use play dough or clay to make some treats. "Bake" your treats in a pretend oven and take turns serving each other. Invite some stuffed animals to join in too.

Write: Draw some circles on blank paper and let your child decorate them as if they were cakes or cookies. Using fingerpaint, markers or crayons your child can add icing or sprinkles or the first letter in their name.

Rhymes to do at Home

Five Little Cookies

5 little Cookies in the cookie shop
5 little cookies with sugar on top
Along came a man with a penny in his hand
He took one cookie and away he ran

repeat with -

4 little cookies...

3 little cookies...

2 little cookies...

1 little cookie...

No little cookies in the cookie shop
No little cookies with sugar on top
Along came a man with a penny in his hand
He took one look and away he ran

Pat-a-Cake

(clap hands together, then on your lap)

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake,

Baker's man

Bake me a cake

As fast as you can

Roll it *(roll hands)*

And pat it *(pat hands together)*

And mark it with a B

And put it in the oven

For the baby and me!

(variation - instead of B you can use the first letter of your child's name)