



### 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 *More Pies!* by Robert Munsch on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

**Talk:** Talk about what it feels like when you eat too much. Discuss how important it is to listen to our bodies and stop eating when we're full. You can also talk about how much we all like sweet treats but how it's good to not have too much.

**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:** Have your child draw a picture of themselves with their favorite desserts. Help them write what that treat is by writing faint letters for them to trace with a marker.

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### Sing a Song of Sixpence

Sing a song of sixpence  
A pocketful of rye  
Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a pie  
When the pie was opened the birds began to sing  
Now wasn't that a dainty dish  
To set before the King?  
The King was in the counting house  
Counting out his money  
The Queen was in the parlor  
Eating bread and honey  
The maid was in the garden  
Hanging out the clothes  
When along came a blackbird  
And snipped right off her nose.

#### The Three Little Kittens

The three little kittens, they lost their mittens,  
And they began to cry,  
"Oh, mother dear, we sadly fear,  
That we have lost our mittens."  
"What! Lost your mittens, you naughty kittens!  
Then you shall have no pie."  
"Meow, meow, meow."  
"Then you shall have no pie."  
The three little kittens, they found their mittens,  
And they began to cry,  
"Oh, mother dear, see here, see here,  
For we have found our mittens."  
"Put on your mittens, you silly kittens,  
And you shall have some pie."  
"Purr, purr, purr,  
Oh, let us have some pie."