



### 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: **Spring**

**Read:** Watch Miss Emily read *Mud Puddle* by Robert Munsch on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

**Talk:** Talk about the change of seasons. Talk about how the weather will continue to get warmer and instead of snow, we'll have some rainy days.

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** Go outside and look for signs of Spring! See how many you can find – flowers poking up, robins or other birds, buds on trees, or even a mud puddle. Dress your child in old clothes and let them play in the mud, or make a mud pie.

**Write:** Pussy willows are a sign of spring. Cut a vase out of patterned or colored paper and glue onto a large white paper. Draw branches coming out of the vase and let your child use one finger dipped in paint to print pussy willow buds all along the branches.

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### Rain, Rain Go Away

Rain, rain go away  
Come again another day  
Little (child's name) wants to play  
Rain, rain go away

#### If It's Raining Outside

*(to the tune of If You're Happy and You Know It)*

If it's raining outside I wear my boots  
(point to feet)

If it's raining outside I wear my boots  
If it's raining outside

Then my boots will keep me dry  
If it's raining outside I wear my boots

If it's raining outside I wear my coat  
(pretend to put on coat)

If it's raining outside I wear my coat  
If it's raining outside

Then my coat will keep me dry  
If it's raining outside I wear my coat

If it's raining outside I wear my hat  
(pretend to put on hat)

If it's raining outside I wear my hat  
If it's raining outside

Then my hat will keep me dry  
If it's raining outside I wear my hat