



### 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: **Pandas**

**Read:** Watch Miss Theresa read *Xander's Panda Party* by Linda Sue Park and *The Panda Problem* by Deborah Underwood on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

**Talk:** Talk about how Pandas live in China. Show your child where China is on a globe or map. You can also talk about how Panda bears only eat bamboo. Ask your child what they would choose if they could only eat one thing! Also check out the live Panda Cam at the National Zoo website.  
<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams/panda-cam>

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** Have your own Panda party! Invite all the stuffed animals in the house. Make some decorations and make a snack that looks like bamboo – celery! (with peanut butter of course).

**Write:** You can make an easy Panda mask with a white paper plate. Cut out, then glue on black paper circles for ears and eyes, then smaller white circles on top of the black eye circles. Then draw a black nose, a mouth and dots on the eyes.

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### 5 Little Pandas

5 little pandas jumping on the bed  
1 fell off and bumped his head  
Mama called the doctor  
And the doctor said,  
No more pandas jumping on the bed!

4 little pandas ...  
3 little pandas ...  
2 little pandas ...  
1 little panda ...

#### Panda Bear, Panda Bear

Panda bear, Panda bear  
Turn around  
Panda bear, panda bear  
Touch the ground  
Panda bear, panda bear  
Turn off the light  
Panda bear, panda bear  
Say goodnight