



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:
Planting Seeds

Read: Watch Miss Crystal read *Are We Pears Yet?* by Miranda Paul on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk to your child about how all their favorite fruits and veggies come from tiny seeds.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Plant a seed! Pick up some seeds that are fast growing like sugar snap peas or sunflowers, pumpkins or watermelons. Plant a few in some paper cups with potting soil. Give each seed some water and place in a sunny window.

Write: Have your child decorate the cups or write what you've planted on a popsicle stick to stick into each cup.

Rhymes to do at Home

A Little Seed

A little seed
For me to sow
A little earth
To help it grow
A little sun
A little shower
A little while
And then - a flower!

Garden Song

By Peter, Paul and Mary

Inch by inch, row by row,
I'm gonna make this garden grow
All it takes is a rake and a hoe
And a piece of fertile ground
Inch by inch, row by row,
Someone bless these seeds I sow
Someone warm them from below
'Til the rain comes tumbling down