



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: **Picnics**

Read: Watch Miss Emily read *We're Going on a Picnic* by Pat Hutchins on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about what happened in the book. If you were the hungry squirrel what would you take from the basket first? What kind of foods would you bring if you went on a picnic?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Go outside for a picnic. Let your child help pack a basket. Pack a whole meal or even just a snack. Bring a blanket and find a pretty place to sit. Keep an eye out for hungry squirrels!

Write: Make a plate full of paper picnic food. Help your child draw and cut out construction paper shapes – a red triangle for watermelon, a brown square for a sandwich, some purple circles for grapes, etc. Then help your child glue them all to a paper plate.

Rhymes to do at Home

Going on a Picnic

By Raffi

Going on a picnic, leaving right away
If it doesn't rain, we'll stay all day
Did you bring the melon?
(Yes I've brought the melon)
Did you bring the apples?
(Yes I've brought the apples)
Did you bring the lemonade?
(Yes I've brought the lemonade)
Did you bring the cookies?
(Yes I've brought the cookies)
Ready for a picnic here we go

Here We Go on a Picnic

Sung to: "Mulberry Bush"

Here we go on a picnic today,
A picnic today, a picnic today.
Here we go on a picnic today,
On such a beautiful _____ (day of the week).

This is the way we spread our cloth,
Spread our cloth, spread our cloth.
This is the way we spread our cloth,
On such a beautiful _____.

This is the way we eat our lunch...
This is the way we play our games...
This is the way we clean it up...
After a delightful picnic.

We had fun on a picnic today,
Picnic today, picnic today.
We had fun on a picnic today,
On such a beautiful _____.