



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:
May/Spring

Read: Watch Miss Theresa read *Hello Mandarin Duck* by Bao Phi and *Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring* by Kenard Pak on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about the months and the seasons. Look at a calendar together and point out which seasons happen during which months.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Celebrate May Day with an old tradition of making a May Basket full of treats or flowers and leaving it on someone's doorstep.

Write: Make a spring banner to hang in your house. Help your child to spell out the word Spring in some big block letters and let them decorate the banner by drawing flowers and bugs and birds.

Rhymes to do at Home

Sing a song of Maytime

Sing a song of Maytime
Sing a song of spring.
Flowers are in their beauty
Birds are on the wing.
Maytime, playtime
Warm and happy day time
Thankful for the gifts May brings
Sing a song of Spring.

Two Little Clouds

Two little clouds one springtime day
Went sailing across the sky
They went so fast they bumped their heads
And both began to cry
The big round sun came out
And said, "Never mind my dears,
I'll send down all my sunbeams to dry
away your tears."