



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: **Farms**

Read: Watch Miss Jess read *The Cow Who Clucked* by Denise Fleming on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about what sounds animals on a farm make. What sound does a cow make? What sound does a sheep make? What other farm animals and sounds can you think of?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Make a masking tape line on the floor. Show your child how to "waddle" like a duck, "saunter" like a pig or a cow, and "slink" like a cat. Encourage them to walk the line like a farm animal of their choice.

Write: Make a cow! Paint or draw black spots onto a paper plate. Add construction paper ears, nose, and mouth, and eyes. Does your cow cluck or moo?

Rhymes to do at Home

Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Old MacDonald had a farm, Ee i ee i oh!
And on his farm he had some chicks,
Ee i ee i oh!
With a cluck-cluck here,
And a cluck-cluck there
Here a cluck, there a cluck, Everywhere a
cluck-cluck
Old MacDonald had a farm, Ee i ee i oh!
Cow, pig, horse, sheep, etc.

All Around the Farm

(tune: *The Wheels on the Bus*)

The cows on the farm go moo, moo,
moo,
Moo, moo, moo, Moo, moo, moo."
The cows on the farm go moo, moo, moo,
All around the farm.

The horses...Neigh, neigh, neigh.
The pigs...Oink, oink, oink.
The chicks...peep, peep, peep.
The sheep...baa, baa, baa