



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 *Barnyard Banter* 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: Show your child how to waddle like a goose. Blow bubbles and have them waddle to catch the bubbles. Is waddling easier or more difficult than walking? If they're too young to waddle, get out the bubbles still and let them try to catch them.

Write: Make a handprint chicken! Let your child dip their hand into brown or white paint and press the handprint onto colored paper. Add details (eyes, comb, feet) with their or fingertips.

Rhymes to do at Home

If You Want to Be a . .

(tune - if you're happy and you know it)

If you want to be a pig, give an oink:
oink-oink!

If you want to be a pig, give an oink:
oink-oink!

If you want to be a pig,
Oh, if you want to be a pig,
If you want to be a pig, give an oink:
oink-oink!

(Repeat using other animals)

This Little Cow

This little cow eats grass.
This little cow eats hay.
This little cow looks over the fence
This little cow runs away
But this big cow does nothing at all
But lie in the field all day.
Let's chase her and chase her and chase
her away!