



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: **Apples**

Read: Watch Miss Theresa read *The Terrible Plop* by Ursula Dubosarsky on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Ask your kids to use their five senses to describe apples. What does it look like? What does it smell like? ...etc. Talk about when and where you pick apples. Have you ever been apple picking?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Tic-Tac-Toe

Draw a tic-tac-toe board on a big sheet of paper. Use two different colored sets of apples to play tic-tac-toe.

Write: Make an apple pie. Take an apple and cut it in half. Dip one cut end into paint and then press onto a paper plate. Use different colors if you'd like. Color or paint brown on the edge of the plate for the crust and sprinkle cinnamon over the paint to smell like a real pie

Rhymes to do at Home

A Little Apple Seed

(Sung to: Itsy, Bitsy Spider)

Once a little appleseed was planted
in the ground
Down came the raindrops, falling all
around.
Out came the big sun, bright as
bright could be
And that little apple seed grew to be
an apple tree!

Falling Apples

(Tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down")

See The Apples Falling Down
(Use Arm Motions, Raise hands in air)
Falling down, Falling Down
See The Apples Falling Down
Down To The Ground
Pick The Apples And Throw
Them Up
Throw Them Up, Throw Them
Up
Pick The Apples And Throw
Them Up
Up To The Sky