



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 Emily read *The Apple Pie Tree* by Zoe Hall on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk to your child about A being the first letter of the alphabet. Then talk to them about the first letter of their name. For young children, the most important letter is the first letter of their name.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: If you have different colored apples, place them out and have your children sort them by color. If they are too young, let them play with and manipulate apples to strengthen their fine motor skills.

Write: Use the tracing worksheet on the back to help your child explore the letter A and strengthen fine motor skills. If they are too young to write themselves, use their finger to trace the letter A.

Rhymes to do at Home

Way Up High in the Apple Tree

Way up high in the apple tree (*reach up high, spread fingers pretending to be a tree*)

Five little apples smiled down at me (*Put fingers on cheeks make smile or make circles with hands and put around eyes, like pretending to have binoculars*)

I shook that tree as hard as I could (*pretend to shake the tree*)

Down came the apples (*bring hands down wiggling fingers, like falling rain*)

Mmmmm, they were good! (*rub tummy*)

...4,3,2,1... All Gone!

A Little Apple Seed

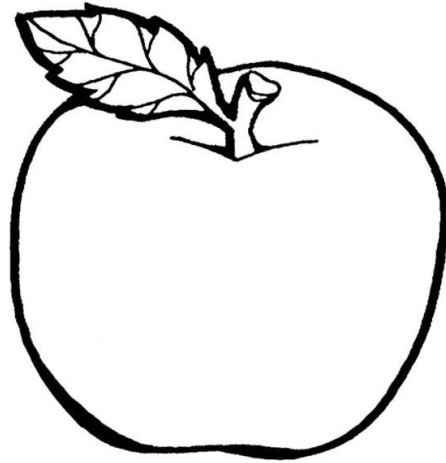
(*Tune of "Itsy Bitsy Spider"*)

Once a little apple seed was planted
in the ground.

Down came the soft rain, falling all
around.

Out came the sun as bright as bright
could be

And that little apple seed grew to be
an apple tree!!



A is for Apple

