



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: **Fall**

Read: Watch Miss Crystal read *The Wheels on the Bus* by Child's Play, illustrated by Anthony Lewis on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about the different colors we can see in a tree as we go past them. What colors do you see now? Are all trees the same size or are they different?

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Go on an outdoor scavenger hunt. Can you find any leaves with different colors or shapes?

Write: Go outside and gather some leaves! Have each child place a leaf under a piece of paper and color on top of the paper with crayons. The leaf shape will appear! This works best with green leaves (dried leaves will just crunch and fall apart), but use brown, yellow, red, and orange crayons for a fall-themed craft.

Rhymes to do at Home

Way Up High in the Apple Tree

Way up high in the apple tree *(stretch arms up high)*

Two red apples smiled at me *(hold up two fingers)*

I shook that tree as hard as I could *(make a shaking motion)*

Down came the apples... *(make a downward motion)*

And mmm, they were good! *(smile and rub stomach)*

Autumn Leaves are Falling Down

(Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb)

Autumn leaves are falling down, *(Flutter fingers down)*

Falling down, falling down.

Autumn leaves are falling down,
Falling on the ground.

The wind will blow them round and round
(Walk in a circle)

Round and round, round and round.

The wind will blow them round and round
All around the town.

Take a rake and rake them up, *(Pretend to rake leaves to the middle)*

Rake them up, rake them up.

Take a rake and rake them up
All around the town.

Now let's jump into the pile, *(Jump into the circle)*

To the pile, to the pile

Now let's jump into the pile,
All around the town.