



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: **Silly Stories**

Read: Watch Miss Emily read *I Will Not Read This Book* by Cece Meng on our Youth Services Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Talk: Talk about how we can act silly. How do you get into a silly mood? How do you calm down? What is the best joke you know? Not only does humor provide a learning experience, it is also an important part of "feeding" brain development. When a child (or anyone) laughs, the flow of blood increases to the brain.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: Look at the pictures on the next page. Can you figure out what two animals were smooshed together?

Write: Design your own mustache on a piece of paper, cut it out, and have a hilariously distinguished day while wearing it!

Rhymes to do at Home

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed
One fell off and bumped her head
Mama called the doctor, and the doctor
said,
No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"
Continue until there are no monkeys left.

Hokey Pokey!

You put your right foot in,
You put your right foot out;
You put your right foot in,
And you shake it all about.
You do the Hokey-Pokey,
And you turn yourself around.
That's what it's all about!

Left foot, right hand, left hand, right side, left side, nose, backside, head, whole self!



Can you figure out these silly animal mash-ups?



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