



### 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 is: **Spring**

**Read:** *Plant the Tiny Seed* by Christie Matheson. Watch the author read the story!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYMgUvqs-D4>

**Talk:** Talk about the growth of plants in the Spring. What do they notice growing around them? What can they plant and watch grow? How is Spring different from the Winter season we just left?

**Sing:** Rhymes to do at Home

**Play:** Take a walk outside. See who can find more flowers on your walk.

**Write:** Practice shapes with your child on the next page. Can they name all the shapes?

### Rhymes to do at Home

#### Garden Planting Time

To the tune of Row Row Row Your Boat  
Dig, Dig, Dig the Earth (make a digging motion)

Then you plant the seeds(drop "seeds" along the ground)

A gentle rain(flutter fingers down)  
And bright sunshine(stretch your arms into a circle above your head)

Will help your garden grow(Hold one arm parallel to ground and move other arm up behind it with fingers extended to represent flower growing)

#### Roly-Poly Caterpillar

Roly-poly caterpillar  
(wiggle right pointer finger)

Into a corner crept,  
(place right pointer finger in cupped hand)  
Spun around himself a blanket  
(spin around)

Then for a long time slept.  
(place head on folded hands)

Roly-poly caterpillar  
(wiggle right pointer finger)

Wakening by and by,  
("stretch" right pointer finger)  
Found himself with beautiful wings  
Changed to a butterfly.  
(flutter arms like wings)

