



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: **Hugs**

Read: *One Hug* by Katrina Moore. Watch the author read the story!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j3_3lPZmZT4

Talk: Talk about how things are different now. Some things that were commonplace two months ago are now not allowed. How does it make your child feel? What are they thinking about? Be sure to remind them that you are always available for a hug.

Sing: Rhymes to do at Home

Play: When it's nice outside, practice your letters, numbers, colors, etc. With chalk or with pieces of paper, scatter the alphabet, numbers, colors, or whatever you want to practice, around. Call out specific things and have your child run and stand on it.

Write: Follow the directions to mail a hug on the next page.

Rhymes to do at Home

Open them, Close them

Open them, close them. (Stretch your arms out then bring hands together)

Open them, close them.

Give a little clap.

Open them, close them.

Open them, close them.

Put them in your lap.

Now creep them, creep them, up to your chin (walk fingers up to your mouth)

Open up your mouth

But do not let them in! (Hide hands behind your body)

Bear Hug

(Sung to: Row, Row, Row your boat)

Can be sung with a favorite bear or other loved favorite.

Hug, hug, hug your bear

Squeeze him very tight

Hold him high

Help him fly

Then hug with all your might.



Taking a piece of paper or construction paper, fold it in half. Help your child trace one of their hands onto the folded piece of paper and then cut out the hand so that you have two hands. Tie the two hands together with a long piece of string or yarn. Cut out the above image and glue to one of the hands. Make as many as you want and mail to loved ones who you cannot see right now.