



Pond

Takeout Storytime



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Greetings, Caregivers!

You are your child's first teacher. Help your little one get ready to learn how to read by talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing together. Have fun!

Talk

Kids develop vocabulary by asking questions- what can feel like a thousand questions a day! When you child asks you questions you don't know the answer to, visit the library together and find the answers together.

Sing

Add visual or tangible props to counting songs like "Five Green Speckled Frogs" or "Three Little Ducks." When children can physically manipulate items while counting, they are more likely to understand the numerical concept instead of just memorizing the numbers.

Read

Informative books with bright engaging illustrations are perfect for enhancing natural curiosity of young children. A child can read a book by telling the pictures' story before they can decipher the words. This pre-reading step is a crucial stage on their literacy journey!

Write

Develop those fine motor muscles necessary for writing by taking paper and a pencil along on a walk. Choose some treasure like leaves, flowers or tree bark and place them under a piece of paper. Use the pencil to reveal the shape, texture and outline of the item. Encourage your child to hold the pencil with their thumb and index finger.

Play

Dramatic or imaginative play is crucial to young children's development. Children practice language skills and gain empathy and understanding of the world around them. Join in and play along!

Books

available on Hoopla!

At the Pond!
Geraldo Valério
hoopladigital.com/title/12743876

Turtle or Tortoise?
Kristin Chang
hoopladigital.com/title/12340467

Over and Under the Pond
Kate Messner
hoopladigital.com/title/11847409

In the Small, Small Pond
Denise Fleming
hoopladigital.com/title/13809871

Frogs (read-along)
Gail Gibbons
hoopladigital.com/title/12036248

Weird Frogs
Chris Earley
hoopladigital.com/title/11590148

Days with Frog and Toad
audio collection
Arnold Lobel
hoopladigital.com/title/11587175

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Songs



Three Little Ducks

Three little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mama Duck said, "Quack quack quack quack!"
But only three little ducks came back.

Two little ducks...
One little duck...

So Mama Duck went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mama Duck said, "Quack quack quack quack!"
And all three little ducks came back

Playtime



Early Literacy Class

tinyurl.com/ImagineIFPond

Join ImagineIF's Becca and Ellie for a pond Early Literacy Class filmed at Dry Bridge Pond. Read books, sing songs, and then go visit your favorite pond.

Buoyancy Play

Sink or float? Kids learn physics, cause and effect, and motor skills playing in water. Set up a water play station and encourage your child to predict and then test what items will sink or float. Take it step further and experiment with ways to make a floating item sink. Kersplash!

I Had a Little Turtle

I had a little turtle, his name was Tiny Tim.
I put him in the bathtub, to see if he could swim.
He drank up all the water, he ate up all the soap.
And now my little turtle has bubbles in his throat!

A Green Little Frog

A green little frog came hop, hop, hop!
He jumped on a log with a plop, plop, plop.
He sat very still, and he rolled his eyes.
Then out came his tongue to catch some flies!

Hatching

I hear something hatching, hatching, hatching
I hear something hatching
I wonder what it could be.
It's a turtle! Turtles come from eggs!

Repeat with other animals that hatch from eggs, encouraging your child to think of new animals.

Little Duck

Little duck swimming to and fro
Sees a fish, and down she goes
Eats that fish as a morning snack
And comes back up with a quack, quack, quack!

Mud Kitchen

Warmer weather creates the perfect opportunity for making mud pies! Nourish your child's love of role play and imagination by adding baking tins, bowls, large wooden spoons to outdoor play. Don't forget the magic ingredient: mud!

Lily Pad Counting

Create large lily pads using paper, foam, or cardboard and then write a number 1-5 (or 1-10) on each one. Invite your children to hop along the lily pads like frogs. Children can also use the lily pads to count out the appropriate number of small toys or pebbles.

Pond Animal Puppet

What animals live at a pond? Make your favorite using a paper bag and other craft supplies.



Jim West Puppets