



Add & Enhance - "Pond Friends"

Enhancing the learning environment is easy! Here are a list of materials you may want to add to your learning areas to enhance the unit, "Pond Friends." Feel free to add other materials you feel would your children would enjoy as well. Please see our, "The Environment & the Gee Whiz Curriculum" for more information on materials you should have in your program.

<p>ART AREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frog and turtle stickers Artificial cattails (wrap sharp ends with tape) Pictures of ponds posted on the wall in this area Plastic/rubber frogs and turtles with paint-soaked sponges or folded paper towels Blue plastic paper plates Wooden clothespins Colored art tissue & aluminum foil 	<p>DRAMATIC PLAY/DRESS-UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plush frogs, turtles, fish, etc. Colorful scarves (to use as dragonfly wings) Clothesbasket or box Toy fishing pole Frog and turtle puppets (if available) Books about the pond and pond life
<p>BLOCKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toy pond animals and/or insects (plastic, rubber, etc. OR print out photos from the internet and tape to blocks or small boxes) Smooth rocks and stones (large enough not to be a choking hazard) Blue construction paper "pond" taped to the floor Toy boats 	<p>LITERACY & WRITING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Books about pond and pond life (see Book List in Teaching Guide for suggestions) Assorted writing tools (markers, crayons, pencils, etc.) Frog Sequencing Cards (see p. 33) Frog and/or turtle stickers or stampers 
<p>GROSS MOTOR PLAY & MUSIC/MOVEMENT (indoors and outdoors)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large blue blanket or bed sheet (if blue is not available, another color will work) Colorful scarves (to use for dragonfly wings) Toy fishing poles Large cardboard boxes or clothesbaskets to use as boats 	<p>MANIPULATIVE, SCIENCE, MATH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nonfiction books about the pond and pond life (use the Book List to help you) Puzzles that feature turtles, frogs and/or fish Fish stencils (see p. 17) Pond Life Patterning Strips and Cards (use Make It! Sheet #2 to make a manipulative the children can use) Smooth rocks & stones + unbreakable magnifier A real cattail