

Just for Families!



Tadpoles, frogs and dragonflies are just a few of the interesting critters we will explore during our next unit, "Pond Friends." The pond habitat is an amazing place! Not only will we learn about the animals and insects that live there, we will explore some of the plants as well. Here are the main concepts we will explore:

- * What is a Pond Habitat?
- * Rocks and Stones
- * Tadpoles and Frogs Live In/Near Pond
- * Some Turtles Live Near Ponds
- * Dragonflies & Mosquitos Often Live Near Ponds
- * What Types of Plants Live Near Ponds?
- * Water Skippers Live Near Ponds
- * Some Types of Fish Live in Ponds
- * Keeping the Pond Healthy

The following activities will help you reinforce the unit, "Pond Friends" at home.

Bath Time:



Invite your child to pretend the bathtub is a pond. Challenge him/her to pretend to be his/her favorite pond animal or insect while taking a bath.

Mealtime:



Serve tomato soup with fish-shaped crackers. Pretend the bowl of soup is a pond and have your child use a spoon to "catch" fish to eat.

Out & About (traveling):



If possible, take a ride to look at a pond in your area. In addition, look for other bodies of water such as streams, lakes and rivers.

Bedtime:



At bedtime, read books about the pond and pond life.

Sing the following song and encourage your child to pretend to be a turtle.

LITTLE TURTLE
(tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star")

Little turtle, crawling 'round,
By the pond on muddy ground.
On your back you have a shell
It's your home ... this I can tell.
Little turtle, crawling 'round,
By the pond on muddy ground.

