

Theme: Ponds Part 3

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Good morning StrongStart families,

This post is put together by Teacher Stella (now retired) and a circle time video from Ms. Linda (Grenfell).

It's fun to walk around and find out what animals live in and around your nearest pond or lake. It is more fun to get into the pond and learn more! This is called pond dipping! **Caregivers, please ensure you always stay with your child when they are around bodies of water.**

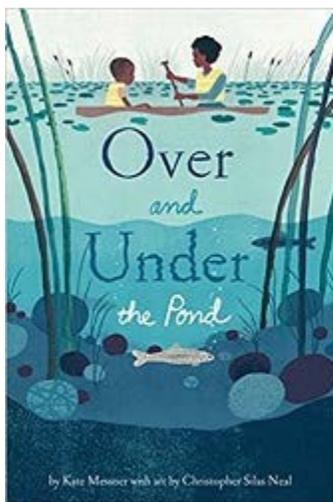
- Wear old clothes and some rainboots.
- Gather a small fishing net, a shallow tray or bucket and a magnifying glass (if you have one).
- Head to your closest pond and fill the bucket/tray with pond water.
- Dip the net carefully into the water and tip the creatures into the tray.
- See what kinds of creatures are living in the pond. When you are home, return them safely back to their home.
- Notice if there is a stream flowing into the pond? Where is that water from?



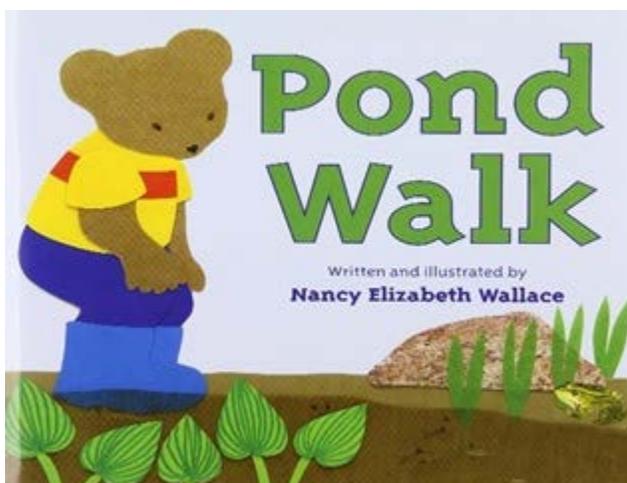
Here are some pond life creatures you may find:



When you come home, take a look at these books about pond adventures:



- **Over and Under the Pond** by Kate Messner - <https://youtu.be/490uChIgbnk>



- **Pond Walk** by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace - <https://youtu.be/8vA26PygFdg>

Aside from frogs and ducks in ponds, there are also a variety of fish. Here are some ideas to make a fish craft:



- **Paper Plate Fish** - Cut out a triangle for the mouth. Keep the triangle and use it as the fish's tail. Decorate the fish with whatever collage materials you have (e.g., tissue paper, ripped construction paper, old magazines, sequins, sparkles, aluminum foil). You can also choose to decorate with markers or paint!
- **Handprint Fish** - Trace your child's hand and cut out the handprint. Make as many fish as you want. Create the background with blue paint. Let that dry and glue on the handprint fish. Decorate your water habitat with grass (e.g., green paint, cut out green paper, scrunched up newspaper, pipe cleaners).

To wrap up this email, let's join Ms. Linda for an infant toddler circle time where she sings and reads a book called "I Love You, Nose. I Love You, Toes" by Linda Davick - <https://youtu.be/C2X-35EDvM8>.