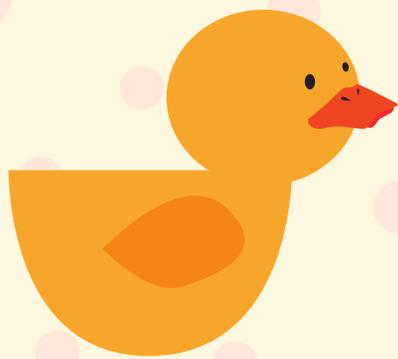


Dear Caregivers:



Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

DUCKS

LETTER OF THE DAY

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ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Duck"



Put together index finger and middle finger and then tap to thumb in front of mouth (like a duck's bill).

BOOKS TO SHARE

Ducks Away!
by Mem Fox

Make Way For Ducklings
by Robert McCloskey

The Duckling Gets A Cookie!?
by Mo Willems

10 Little Rubber Ducks
by Eric Carle

Duck Sock Hop
by Jane Kohuth

Chicken, Chicken, Duck
by Nadia Krilanovich

Duck! Rabbit!
by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Duck On A Bike
by David Shannon

One Duck Stuck
by Phyllis Root

Gossie & Gertie
by Olivier Dunrea

Duck, Duck, Dinosaur
by K. George

Quackers
by Liz Wong

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks went out to play,
over the hill and far away.
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But only four little ducks came back.

[Count down until only one duck is left]

Sad mother duck went out one day,
over the hill and far away.
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
And ALL of her five little ducks came back!

Little Ducks

[Tune: "London Bridge"]

Little ducks go quack, quack, quack
Quack, quack, quack
Quack, quack, quack
Little ducks go quack, quack, quack
In the springtime.

Duckling Do [action rhyme]

Duckling do, duckling see,
Duckling do it just like me.
Duckling open your little beak, **[open mouth]**
Duckling jump on your duckling feet. **[jump up and down]**
Duckling paddle, duckling flap, **[move arms as if swimming and flying]**
Waddle around with a quack, quack, quack!

The Ducks On The Pond

[Tune: "The Wheels On The Bus"]

The ducks on the pond go quack quack quack,
Quack, quack, quack, quack, quack, quack.
The ducks on the pond go quack, quack, quack,
All through the day.

[Verses: *ducklings in the eggs go hatch;
little baby ducklings go flap; ducks on the
pond go quack*]

I'm A Little Duckling

[Tune: "I'm A Little Teapot"]

I'm a little duckling,
Yellow and fat.
I've got a little beak and feathers on my back.
When the sun is shining, watch me play.
I paddle through the water and quack all day.

The Little Duck Goes Quack

[Tune: "The Farmer In The Dell"]

The little duck goes 'quack,'
The little duck goes 'quack.'
Hi-ho, the derry-o
The little duck goes 'quack.'

[Verses: *they waddle all around; they flap
their little wings; their beak is long and flat;
their feet are big and wide*]

"Ducks Like Rain" by Raffi (1982)

MORE FUN!

Rubber Duck Counting

Materials:

- 5-10 small rubber ducks
- Bucket filled with water
- Blue 'pond'
(This could be made from a scarf, a piece of blue-colored cardboard, etc.)
- Six-sided die



Place your ducks in the bucket of water and take turns with your child(ren) rolling the die and taking out that number of ducks to place on the 'pond.'

This activity helps your child(ren) practice one-to-one correspondence -- an early math skill which involves counting each object in a set only once (vs. "rote counting," which is just reciting numerals in order ("one, two, three, four, five").

What other types of birds can you and your child(ren) think of to list?

How many words rhyming with 'duck' can you and your child(ren) think of to list?

It's okay if they're nonsense words like "bluck" . . . this game is helping to exercise your child(ren)'s **phonological awareness**, or ability to hear the smaller sounds that make up words.

The name for a baby duck is "duckling." Can you and your child(ren) think of other words for baby animals?

Examples: "fawn," "tadpole," "kitten," etc.

Try to find a duck when you're outside with your child(ren) or look up age-appropriate videos of real ducks online. Making the connection between an illustration in a book and the real object is part of your child's early literacy development.

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