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Early Learning Newsletter



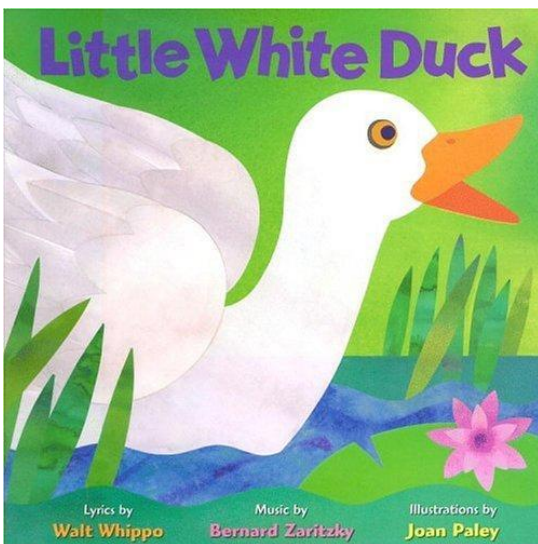
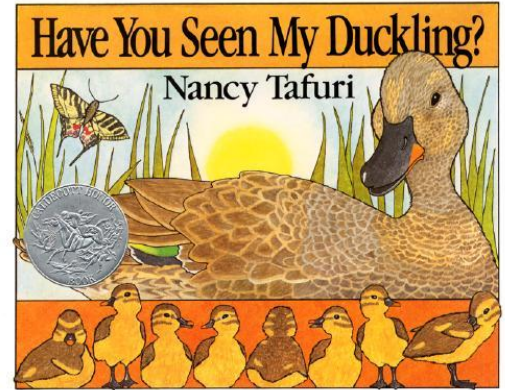
Books of the Month

Have You Seen My Duckling? by Nancy Tafuri – A classic, and a wonderful love-between-a-mother-and-her-baby story.

Ages 2-5

Little White Duck by Walt Whippo – This book is a song and it makes for fun variety to read AND sing books with children!

Ages 1-5



Other Books featuring Ducks and Ducklings...

Duckie's Rainbow by Frances Barry – a sweet story that also introduces colors of the rainbow. Ages 2-4

The Story about Ping by Marjorie Flack – this book tells of the adventures of one little duck when he is accidentally left behind and separated from his large family. Ages 4-7

Goodnight, My Duckling by Nancy Tafuri – All kinds of pond animals say goodnight to a little duckling. Ages 2-5.

Do Like a Duck Does by Judy Hindley – Mama duck is able to protect herself and her ducklings from a sly fox who is

pretending to be a duck! Ages 3-6.

Fluffy and Baron by Laura Rankin – A story of an unlikely and long-lasting friendship between a duck and a dog. Ages 4-7.

Song of the Month

Six Little Ducks

To hear this tune, go to <http://www.kiddles.com/lyrics/s009.html>

OR create your own tune!

Six little ducks
That I once knew,
Fat ones, skinny ones,
Fair ones, too,
But the one little duck
With the feather on his back,
He led the others
With a quack, quack, quack,
Quack, quack, quack,
Quack, quack, quack!
He led the others
With a quack, quack, quack!

Down to the river
They would go,
Wobble, wobble, wobble, wobble,
To and fro,
But the one little duck
With the feather on his back,
He led the others
With a quack, quack, quack,
Quack, quack, quack,
Quack, quack, quack,
He led the others
With a quack, quack, quack!

Home from the river
They would come,
Wobble, wobble, wobble, wobble,
Ho, hum, hum,
But the one little duck
With the feather on his back,
He led the others
With a quack, quack, quack,
Quack, quack, quack,
Quack, quack, quack,
He led the others
With a quack, quack, quack!

Literacy Connections

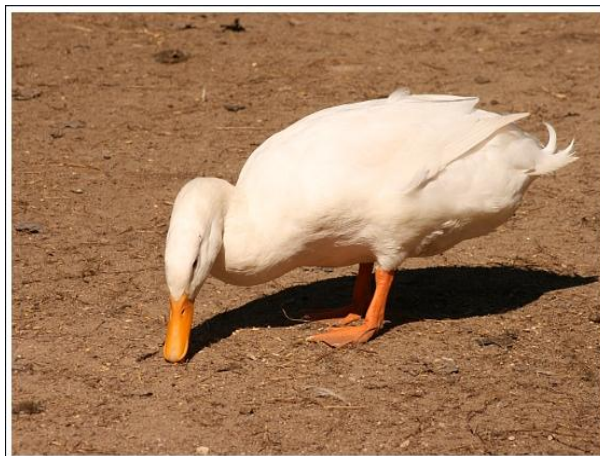
Duck Pond Science Ideas

Large Group Circle: Ask children what lives in a pond? Can children name both plants and animals? Read and talk about pond life together and create a chart with pictures (or stickers) to represent the animals and plants named by the children.

Class Field Trip: If your center or home has a nearby pond or wetlands area, take a trip there with your children. There's nothing like experiencing the things talked and read about!

Table/Choice time: Fill up a water table or large bucket with water and rubber ducks. You could also include rubber fish or frogs. A great outdoor activity, especially when the weather is nice.

- A fun variation to the water table: set up a "pond" at a table during choice time with blue play dough, rubber ducks or little plastic duck figurines, and other pond animals. Encourage children to play together. Great for developing language and conversation skills!



Types of Ducks

Talk with children about the differences between farm ducks and wild ducks. How do they look different? How do the ducklings look different? Bring in real photographs and real feathers, if you can. Take children to a nearby park to feed the ducks. This is especially fun in the late spring when there are large families of ducks!



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