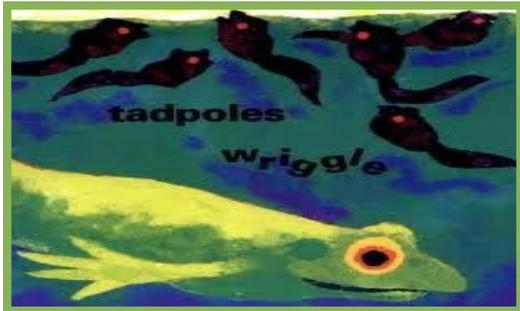




Share a book everyday to create a reader for a lifetime!



Title: In the Small, Small Pond

Author and Illustrator: Denise Fleming

Book Summary: In the small, small pond, spring has arrived, and animals and birds busily splash and swim. We'll follow the adventures of the frog as he visits his friends.

Before Reading, use the following conversation starters to engage your child's interest in the book.

To develop book awareness, explain what the words "author" and "illustrator" mean. Look at the cover of the book and ask your child what animals and birds s/he thinks lives in the pond.

To create interest in the book, talk with your child about the author/illustrator. Fleming's introduction to nature and the seasons was named a Caldecott Honor Book for its brilliant illustrations.

During Reading, use the following ideas to keep your child actively engaged in the book sharing.

To develop early literacy skills, talk with your child about rhyming words. Singing helps children learn about words that have the same ending sounds.

To provide interactive learning, allow your child to imitate the animal and bird sounds and movements. Physical activity helps kinetic learners make meanings by "doing" an activity— not just by looking or listening.

After Reading, use the following activities to extend your book sharing experience.

To encourage verbal skills, talk with your child about rhyming words. Explain that rhyming words have the same ending sounds., like "box" and "socks" or "nose" and "toes." Understanding rhyming words is an important early literacy concept.

To promote gross motor play, encourage your child to dramatize the story. Ask him/her to wiggle like a tadpole or hover like a dragonfly. Can s/he plunge like a heron or swoop like a swallow?

To foster creativity, help your child make a mural of the pond life. Ask your child to draw a picture of each of the animals s/he reads about—and others s/he is interested in. Hang each picture on the wall or fridge until all the pictures are complete. Then you'll have a mural of our small, small pond.

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