



Life Around the Pond Calendar



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Circle Time

LESSON 1

The Letter E

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Learn the letter Ee and its sound through letter play and a song.

Story Time

The Turtle & the Beaver

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Read the book and explore the cover, pages and pictures.

Creative Corner

Turtle & Beaver Stickers

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Create a pond scene while talking about Beaver in the water.

Discovery Time

★ Stick Designs

SCI 2a NATURAL & EARTH SCIENCE

Explore and sort sticks, then use them to build and create designs.

Music & Movement

Big Mouth, Little Mouth

CA 1c MUSIC

Listen to music that gets loud and soft and say "big" or "small" in the mirror.

LESSON 2

I Spy a Snake

SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

M 5 PATTERNS

Make a pattern and say the colors together.

Pond Storytelling

LLD 6b READING COMPREHENSION

Read a book and ask "where" questions about the characters and setting.

Turtle, Beaver & Me

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

LLD 2a COMMUNICATION

Draw a pond picture with Turtle, Bear and Beaver, then describe the drawing.

★ Pouring Station

M 1a NUMBER SENSE

Pour and scoop water while counting to five.

Big Sing-Along

LLD 1a LISTENING

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Sign "big" and "small" while listening to a song.



LESSON 3

Pond Animals

SED 1b SELF-AWARENESS

LLD 2c COMMUNICATION

Choose and name favorite animals while taking turns.

Draw the Pond

LLD 7a WRITING

SED 1c SELF-AWARENESS

Read the story, then draw or write about what happened.

Nature River Collage

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

SCI 2a NATURAL & EARTH SCIENCE

Draw and use nature items to create river art.

Pond Heads & Tails

M 2a SPATIAL AWARENESS

Match puzzle pieces to make complete animals.

★ On My Pond Dance

CA 2a & CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Dance like turtles in ponds, then move to a new pond.

LESSON 4

Beaver Sticks

LLD 2d COMMUNICATION

ATL 1a ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Read a book and play a picture game.

In the Small, Small Pond

LLD 6a READING COMPREHENSION

CA 4a DRAMA

Read a book, then talk about and move like pond animals.

Beaver Headband

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

CA 4a DRAMA

Create beaver headbands and tails, and pretend to be beavers.

★ Pond Patterns

M 5 PATTERNS

Sort and match stars by size and color, then explore patterns.

Beaver Tail Pat

CA 1b MUSIC

Pat cardboard like a beaver tail to the rhythm of a song.

LESSON 5

Big & Small Signs

LLD 1b LISTENING

Play a listening game with big and small movements.

★ One Duck Stuck

LLD 3a PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Read a book and play with rhyming words.

Turtle Handprint

CA 3a & CA 3b VISUAL ARTS

Make pond art with water and handprint turtles.

Beaver Tails

SCI 4 TECHNOLOGY

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Explore making marks in playdough and talk about how beavers use their tails.

Responsible Clean Up

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Move, toss and pick up pompoms to music.



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Music & Movement

LESSON 6

The Letter Uu

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Learn the letter Uu and its sound through letter play and a song.

Otter Block Reading

SED 4b PROBLEM-SOLVING

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Read a book and talk about making kind and safe choices.

★ Otter Doll

CA 3b VISUAL ARTS

Stuff and decorate paper otters, then pretend they're swimming and playing in the water.

Playdough Fish

M 2b SPATIAL AWARENESS

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Roll and shape playdough fish, then follow directions to place them on a mat.

Star Scarves

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Dance with scarves inside a star.

LESSON 7

Cattail Me

SED 1a SELF-AWARENESS

Play a name-recognition game.

Otter Helps

LLD 2c COMMUNICATION

Read a book and answer questions about making good choices.

★ Otter Stickers

SED 4a PROBLEM-SOLVING

PD 4b PERSONAL CARE

Peel and place stickers on different body parts while naming them.

Water Jug

M 4a MEASUREMENT

SCI 3a PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Carry, pull and compare water jugs.

Responsible Dance

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Listen to a song and follow movement prompts.

LESSON 8

Lily Pad Hop

SED 4a PROBLEM-SOLVING

Hop like frogs on lily pads and share space.

Pompom Help

LLD 1a LISTENING

SS 2a CIVICS & ECONOMICS

Read a book and sign "help," then work together to clean up.

Star Stamping

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

M 3 SHAPES

Stamp and decorate star shapes.

★ Frogs in Cups

M 1c & **M 1d** NUMBER SENSE

Count frogs and make them jump into cups.

Dance to Green

CA 2a DANCE & MOVEMENT

Hold hands and move like frogs.

LESSON 9

Fox or Otter?

LLD 2d COMMUNICATION

Name Fox or Otter, and place a duck in the matching container.

★ Jump, Frog, Jump!

LLD 2b COMMUNICATION

LLD 6b READING COMPREHENSION

Read the book and discuss animals.

Letter U Collage

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

Say "U" and its sound, glue confetti and color.

Toss the Snack

ATL 1b ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Carry and toss pompoms into a bowl.

Catch the Fish

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Listen to a song while tossing and catching fish.

LESSON 10

Where is the Otter?

LLD 2d COMMUNICATION

Play a game with Story Pieces.

Plip-Plop Pond!

LLD 1a LISTENING

LLD 2a COMMUNICATION

Point to animals, name them and copy their sounds together.

★ Otter & Fox

SCI 3b PHYSICAL SCIENCE

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

Color freely, identify colors and explore how they change when mixed.

Tool Clean Up

M 2a SPATIAL AWARENESS

Match tools to their shadows and talk about how each is used.

Together Sign

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Listen for the word "together" and sign it during the story.



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LESSON 11

Circle Time

The Letter Gg

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Learn the letter Gg and its sound through letter play and a song.

Story Time

Follow the Path Pond

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Read and explore a book.

Creative Corner

★ Pond Shadows

M 2a SPATIAL AWARENESS

ATL 1b ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Place and match stickers to the pond shadows.

Discovery Time

Big & Small Stars

M 6 CLASSIFICATION

Sort big and small stars by placing them in matching outlines.

Music & Movement

Dance to Black

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

ATL 1a ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Follow the leader and move with the ribbons.

LESSON 12

Stride to Our Favorite

SED 1b SELF-AWARENESS

SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Go to favorite places in the room and join in play.

★ Pond Question

LLD 2c COMMUNICATION

LLD 6a READING COMPREHENSION

Read a book and look at pond animals.

Catch a Fish

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

CA 4a DRAMA

Color fish and pretend to go fishing.

Animal Measure

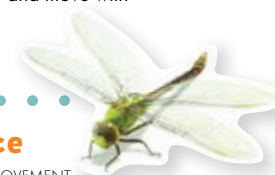
M 4b MEASUREMENT

Arrange pond creature pictures in order and talk about which comes first.

Star Dance

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

March around a star and step inside to dance.



LESSON 13

★ Pond Rocks

M 4b MEASUREMENT

Make a row of rocks and order them from biggest to smallest.

Pond Path Sounds

LLD 3c PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Make animal sounds through tubes and repeat fun rhythms together.

Painting Lily Pads

CA 3b VISUAL ARTS

SCI 3b PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Fingerpaint, mix colors and create lily pad art.

Where's the Rock?

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

ATL 1a ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Play with dough and find the hidden rocks inside.

Five Little Speckled Frogs

CA 2a DANCE & MOVEMENT

Squat and jump like frogs to music.

LESSON 14

Fly Like Mayflies

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Pretend to be mayflies, flapping arms, flying over obstacles and tossing scarves.

Turtle Splash

M 1a NUMBER SENSE

Read the book and count to five with a turtle chant.

Duck Collages

CA 3b VISUAL ARTS

LLD 7a WRITING

Glue tissue paper on ducks and write names.

★ Counting Frogs

M 1b NUMBER SENSE

Show a number card and hop to the matching lily pad.

Shake Together

CA 1b MUSIC

Sit on a blanket and shake to music.

LESSON 15

Swimming in the Pond

SED 1b SELF-AWARENESS

Swim to a pond, look in a mirror and say your name.

My Little Pond

LLD 2a & LLD 2c COMMUNICATION

Read a book, name animals and make their sounds.

Pond Maze

LLD 7a WRITING

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS

Color freely and trace a maze path.

★ Feed the Frog

M 6 CLASSIFICATION

Sort and feed insects to the frog by matching features.

Ducks at Play

CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Listen for "duck" and "play" in a song and sign the words.



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LESSON 16

Circle Time

Slow Snails

SED 3c SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS
CA 2b DANCE & MOVEMENT

Move slowly like snails, taking turns leading and following each other.

Story Time

Turtle Hide & Seek

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Play games with book covers and pictures.

Creative Corner

★ Turtle Sticker Box

LLD 3c PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Place stickers and say "snap" together in different ways.

Discovery Time

Star Tray

M 3 SHAPES
M 6 CLASSIFICATION

Roll a Cube and find matching stars, then sort them by shape or color.

Music & Movement

Hold Up Green

CA 2a DANCE & MOVEMENT
LLD 1a COMMUNICATION

Hold up green or black paper when hearing the color words in a song.

LESSON 17

Pond Stomp

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Review the letters Ee, Uu and Gg through letter play and a song.

Little Turtle & Me

LLD 2b & **LLD 2c** COMMUNICATION

Use Story Pieces to act out a pond conversation.

Turtle Shell Dots

CA 3a VISUAL ARTS
PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Color a turtle and stamp paint onto circles.

Tossing Near & Far

M 6 CLASSIFICATION
ATL 1b ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Toss pompoms into matching circles and freeze when music stops.

★ I Caught a Fish

CA 1b MUSIC

Shake fast and slow to match the rhythm of a song.

LESSON 18

★ Pond Word Play

LLD 3b PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Make simple sentences with Story Pieces and snap for each word.

Turtle Sign

LLD 1a LISTENING
LLD 2d COMMUNICATION

Read a book, point to the turtle and sign and say "turtle" together.

Turtle Pull Toy

CA 3b VISUAL ARTS
CA 4a DRAMA

Paint and decorate turtle shells, then take them for a walk.

Turtle Shell Designs

SCI 1b INVESTIGATION & INQUIRY

Press rocks or shells into playdough to make turtle shell imprints.

Open, Shut & Snap

CA 2a DANCE & MOVEMENT
LLD 1a LISTENING

Listen to a read-aloud and follow movement prompts.

LESSON 19

Feelings Faces

SED 1d SELF-AWARENESS

Look at feeling faces and copy expressions.

In the Pond

LLD 7a WRITING

Draw and write about a pond.

Bug Collage

SCI 3b PHYSICAL SCIENCE
ATL 1a ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Explore felt shapes and glue them to paper to make colorful bugs.

★ Pouring Pond Water

M 4a MEASUREMENT
SED 3b SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Pour and compare water in containers.

Responsible Ball

SED 3b SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Roll a ball in a circle, taking turns and calling each other's names.



LESSON 20

Snap Tongs

ATL 2a FLEXIBILITY & PLAY
SCI 4 TECHNOLOGY

Use tongs to pick up cotton balls while listening to a story.

Little Quack

SED 3a SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Read a book and talk about feeling nervous.

★ Me & My Turtle

SS 4 HISTORY & SENSE OF TIME
SED 1b SELF-AWARENESS

Color like turtles under the water, then talk about favorites.

Turtle Roll & Cover

M 1b NUMBER SENSE

Roll a Cube, identify the number and match it to the turtle's shell.

Swim Sign

CA 2a DANCE & MOVEMENT
LLD 1a LISTENING

Listen for the word "swim" and sign it.