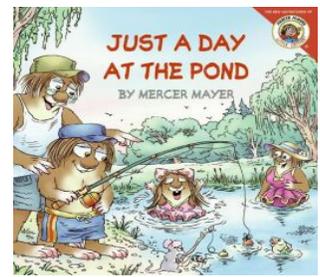




Just A Day At The Pond

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In this story, brother and sister spend a day with grandma and grandpa while mom and dad go shopping. They decide to go to the pond to fish and swim, but quickly learn that brother has a fear of water.

Before:

Start story time by introducing *Just A Day At The Pond*. Tell the children a little bit about the book and ask some questions about the cover to bring their attention to the story. An “I wonder” question is a good way to get the children’s attention and to get them thinking about what’s going to happen next. Ex. *I wonder if brother is going to swim in the water with sister?*

During:

While reading take the time to observe the illustrations and ask questions. Talk about how brother keeps finding other activities to do than swimming and why he might be doing this. Point out “rare words” and define them for the children.

Rare Words in *Just A Day At The Pond*

Slimy: covered by or having the feeling of slime

Hiking: walk for a long distance, especially in the woods

Tugging: to pull something hard or suddenly

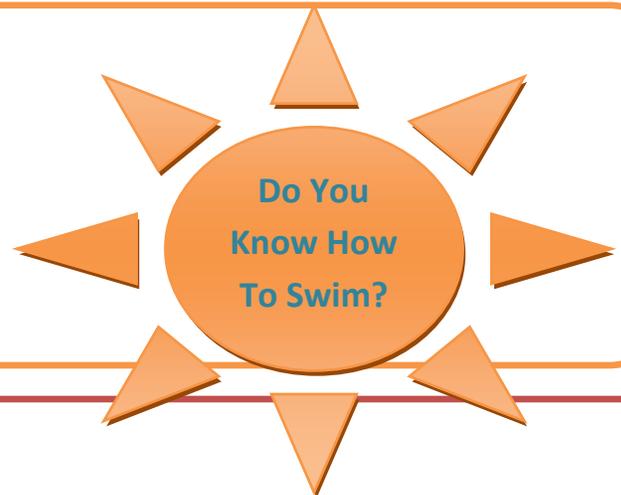
Paddled: move through the water using a paddle

Snuck: to move in a stealthy manner

After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- What kind of things did brother do at the pond?
- What is your favorite activity to do at the pond, pool, or river?
- What kind of things do you do at your grandparents?
- What did sister and grandma bring to the pond?



Let's Talk About *Just a Day at the Pond*

In this story brother was really excited to go to the pond but when he got there he didn't want to go into the water. Do you think brother was afraid to swim? Do you think he wanted to learn after watching sister in the water? What made brother get into the water?

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Crunchy Spiders Recipe

Ingredients/materials needed: Semi sweet chocolate chips, bowl, Chinese noodles, wax paper, spoons

Melt the chocolate in a microwave.

Have the children help you scoop noodles into the bowl and mix.

Scoop out a small spoonful onto wax paper.

Let cool!



Sing Along

Polly – Wog

There once was a polly named Wog
Who wanted to change to a frog.
So he dropped off his tail
Grew legs without fail
And croaked all day on a log.



What's inside the kit

- *Five Green Speckled Frogs*
- Frog Match File Folder
- Frog Shape Clip Cards
- Frog Count
- Pond Life Match
- Frog Life Cycle
- Frog Number Word Match
- Frog Number Clip Cards
- Frog Life Cycle Cards
- Frog Life Cycle Puzzle
- Frog Shape Match

