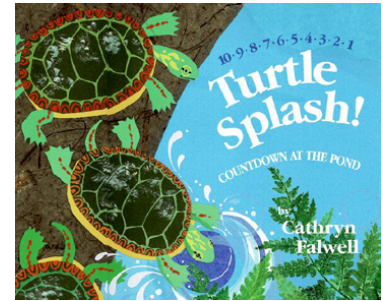


Turtle Splash! Countdown at the Pond

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Questions

- Have you ever seen a turtle? Where do they live?
- What other animals do you think might live in a pond?
- Do you think there are a lot of animals in the pond?
- What do you think they do in there?

Activities

Paper Plate Turtle

Turn a paper plate upside down and glue on a head and four legs. Make marks on the plate to look like a turtle's shell. Use your turtle to share the rhyme:

There was a little turtle
Who lived in a box.
He swam in the puddle
And he climbed on the rocks.
He snapped at a minnow
And he snapped at a flea.
He snapped at a mosquito
And he snapped at me!

Well, he caught the minnow
And he caught the flea.
He caught the mosquito
But he didn't catch me!

(You can also say that poem using just your hands to swim, climb, snap, and catch.)

More Reading!

Read another book about ponds and visit one if you can. What other animals can you see? Can you count them?

More Books to Explore!

- *Pond Babies* by Cathryn Falwell
- *Ten, Nine, Eight* by Molly Bang
- *Feast for 10* by Cathryn Falwell
- *Jump, Frog, Jump* by Robert Kalan