

My Journey Home Family Connection

Your child will listen to and talk about a book called *Turtle Splash!* It tells about ten frogs and other animals that live at a pond.

DAY
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Animal Cards Together, think of animals whose names begin with *b*, such as *bee, bear, butterfly, beaver, buffalo, bat*. Then make animal cards together. Put the animal's picture and name on the front and a simple fact about it on the back, such as *A bee makes honey*. Have your child write *b* and other letters he or she knows.

Tip!

Save the animal cards and add more interesting facts during the school year.

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Attention, Please Together, make a "microphone," using materials such as construction paper and a paper towel tube. Take turns using the microphone to announce things you do together throughout the day. For example, you might say: *Attention! We are now washing the dog.*

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Lots of Laughs Sharing jokes helps your child practice cause (the reason something happens) and effect (what happens). Try these.

Why are fish so smart? (Because they go around in schools.)

Why are most cows noisy? (Because they have horns.)


Why do elephants have trunks? (Because they have no pockets.)

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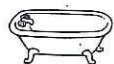
Help your child make up a silly animal joke. You can write the joke and help your child send it to a friend.

Tub Time Read the rhyme below to your child. Pause before each little picture and let your child say the word. Ask: Could these things really happen?


I Had a Little Turtle

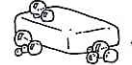
I had a little ,

His name was Tiny Tim.

I put him in the ,

To see if he could swim.

He drank up all the ,

He ate up all the .

He woke up in the morning
With bubbles in his throat.

Count On It The book *Turtle Splash!* teaches the numbers one through ten. Together, look on the Internet to find words and music for counting songs, such as “Over in the Meadow” or “Ten Little Monkeys.” Sing one together. Each time you say a number, hold up that number of fingers.



Book Links

- *In the Small, Small Pond*, by Denise Fleming
- *Down by the Cool of the Pool*, by Tony Mitton **CHALLENGE**



Internet Challenge Go to the library or search the Internet with your child to learn more about pond life, including animals and plants. Your child can draw pond pictures and say captions for you to write.