

Dear Family: in class today, we explored and compared the way pond animals move differently.

**Did you know?**

- A pond is a small, shallow area of fresh water.
- Ponds are full of lots of plants.
- Animals—like frogs, toads, fish, ducks, geese, raccoons, and birds—live in and near ponds.
- The pond animals move in different ways.

**Ask your child:**

- Tell me what kinds of animals live in a pond.
- Show me how the animals move.
- Explain the differences in how these animals move.

**Vocabulary:**

- pond – a small body of still water.
- drum – an instrument for playing music. Drums have a hollow, round shape. They have a tight covering over an open end.
- tambourine – a small drum. It has metal disks around the rim.
- hover – to stay hanging in the air. Sometimes, insects quickly flap their wings. This is how they hover.
- shiver – to shake because of cold or fear.
- quiver – to shake or tremble slightly.

**Activity:**

Take a day trip to a public park with a pond, lake, or stream. Take a walk around the water. Talk about the different animals you see. Compare how these animals move. Do they have legs or wings? Do they walk, hop, swim, or fly? Make a list of the animals you see. Send it to school to share with us.