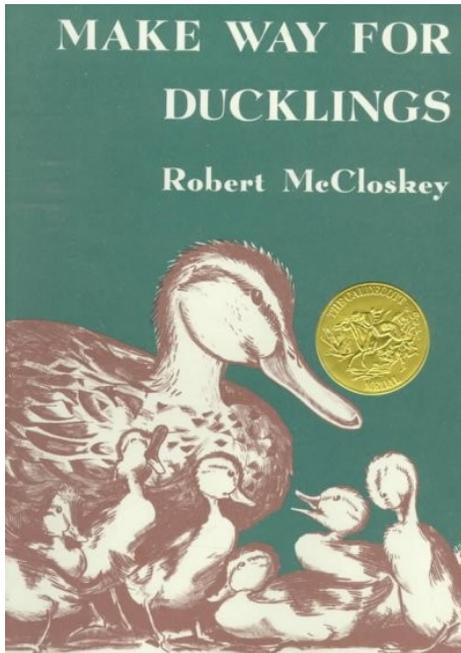


Make Way for Ducklings (Family Program, All Ages)



Description of Program: *Make Way for Ducklings* celebrates its 70th anniversary in 2011. Celebrate the event with stories, games, crafts, and activities about Mr. & Mrs. Mallard and their ducklings Jack, Kack, Lack, Mack, Nack, Ouack, Pack, and Quack .

Program Plans: Begin the program with stations set up for crafts, coloring pages, and other activities (10-15 minutes). Give participants cards to put a sticker on at each station to encourage them to try everything (see Sample under Babar Program). If they fill the card, they will receive a small prize. Read *Make Way for Ducklings* and other selected duck stories. If possible, ask a uniformed police officer to come to read the book as the character Policeman Michael. Include duck songs, finger puppets, and flannel boards. End the program with group games and snacks.

Stories

- *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
- *10 Little Rubber Ducks* by Eric Carle
- *All Night Near the Water* by Jim Arnosky
- *Five Little Ducks* by Ivan Bates
- *Have You Seen My Duckling?* by Nancy Tafuri
- *The Story about Ping* by Marjorie Flack
- *This Way, Ruby!* by Jonathan Emmett
- *Waddle, Waddle, Quack, Quack, Quack* by Anne Skalak

Songs/ Fingerplays/ PowerPoint

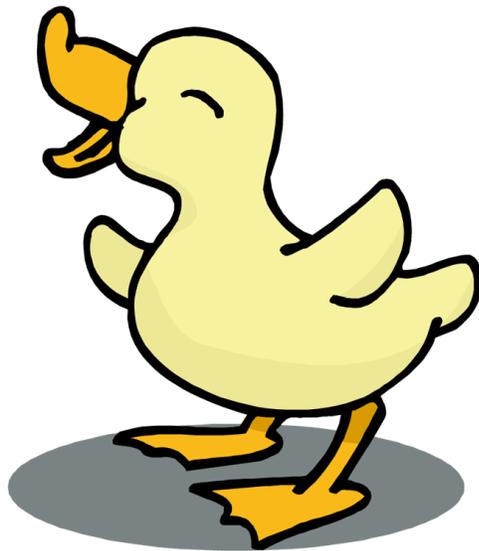
- "Five Little Ducks" *Wake Up Jeff!* by The Wiggles
- "Five Little Ducks" *Raffi in Concert* by Raffi
- "Rubber Ducky" *Songs from the Street* by Sesame Street Workshop
- "Do de Rubber Duck" *Hot, Hot, Hot! Dance Songs* Sesame Street
- "Little White Duck" *Everything Grows* by Raffi

Craft Ideas

- Create a felt Duck Pond to use on a flannel board. This could also be done as a picture project from construction paper for children to take home. <http://ourcraftsnthings.com/2008/08/duck-pond/>
- Using color markers or paint, decorate ducks. Paintable ducks are available through Oriental Trading
- Using orange or yellow visors, create duck hats with googly eyes.
- Egg carton ducklings <http://fun.familyeducation.com/easter/childrens-art-activities/34994.html>
- Make duck stick puppets. Provide duck patterns that children can cut out and decorate. Then tape the ducks to craft sticks. Give them a copy of the Rhyme "Five Little Ducks" to take home with their duck puppets.

Activities or games

- “How Many Ducks in the Jar”: Fill a clear plastic jar with duck candies (available from Oriental Trading) and have the children guess how many ducks are in the jar. The person closest to the answer wins the jar of candy ducks.
- Put plastic ducks with different numbers in a small inflatable or plastic toddler pool. Let each child pull a duck. The number on the bottom indicates the small prize that the child will receive. [Also available from Oriental Trading]
- “DUCKS” bingo. Create different bingo cards by putting “DUCKS” over regular Bingo cards or using the sample “Ducks” card and randomly writing either numbers or letters on the ducks (D2 in sample card), keeping track of the combinations you use to make bingo calling cards.
- Dance to “Do de Rubber Duck” from *Hot, Hot, Hot! Dance Songs*.
- Create large duck feet and create a pattern on the floor. Place stickers on several of the duck feet. Play music and have children



- step on the feet until the music stops. When the music stops, the child who is on a foot with a sticker receives a prize.
- Play “Bozo Bucket” using buckets with pictures of ducks and small plastic ducks as the balls.
- Play “Duck Says” and have the children waddle, quack, flap their wings, etc. like ducks.
- Matching Game: Make cards with different pictures of ducks and play the matching game.
- Rhyming game (early literacy skill): Have children name as many words as they can that rhyme with the names of the ducklings (-ack). You can do this as a group or have parents work with children.
- Using duck stick puppets (create with clipart, like above, and craft sticks) or finger puppets, act out “Five Little Ducks” using the song “Five Little Ducks.”
- Make or purchase a duck piñata.



Snack

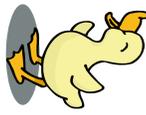
Mix Goldfish Crackers and candy corn into plastic bags and label as “Duck Food.”

Prizes & Giveaways

- Duck Stickers
- Rubber Ducks

Resources (online & book)

- Raines, Shirley. *More Story Stretches*. Beltsville, MD: Gryphon, 1991.
- <http://oh.webjunction.org/ohctroducks>
- <http://www.teachervision.com.au/fiction/activity/1733.html>
- Broman, Jennifer. *More Storytime Action!* New York: Neal-Schuman, 2009.
- Mailbox. *Listen, Make & Learn at Storytime*. Greensboro, NC: Education Center, 2002.
- Maddigan, Beth. *The Big Book of Stories, Songs, and Sing-Alongs*. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2003.

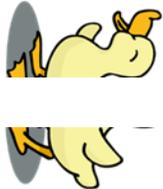
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Create Your Own "DUCKS" Card

Copy as many cards as you need. Randomly write numbers over each duck (See D2) in the card above. Keep track of all the combinations you use so that you can make bingo calling cards.

FUN & GAMES

Choose games, crafts, and activities. After completing each, collect a sticker to put on the matching space. Collect at least 5 different stickers and you will receive a prize.

 Ducks in Jar	 Ducks in Pool	 Duck Buckets
 Matching Game	 Duck Puppets	 Duck Pond Craft
 Duck Puzzle	 Read a book	 Paint Ducks