

Frog Chant

Materials

- None

Why are we here?

- Expose children to rhyme and the rhythm of language.
- Promote listening skills, particularly listening to instructions.
- Provide an opportunity to practice self-control and turn-taking.
- Practice gross-motor skills.

Procedure

Tell children that they will each have a turn to pretend to be a frog in a pond. Tell them that in this game they'll have to listen very carefully so that they know what to do and when to do it.

Have each child sit in the middle and take a turn. Encourage the other children to say the chant together.

Froggy in the pond, fast a-sleep,

Froggy in the pond, fast a-sleep,

Little froggy if you're wise,

you will open up your eyes!

Leap, froggy,

Leap, froggy,

leap, leap, leap!

Child (frog) in the middle wakes up and "leaps" on cue.

Continue the chant until each child has had a turn to be the Froggy.

Freddy's Tips and Tricks

- Support the children, as necessary, so that they perform the appropriate actions. For example, you might say:
"Ok. The frog is asleep now. What do you do when you are asleep?"
- Or you might slow down the chant or emphasize key words as necessary for different children.

