



STORY OF THE DAY

GIGGLE, GIGGLE QUACK

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STORY EXTENSION IDEAS

- Make a [Paper Plate Duck](#)
- Sing along to [Five Little Ducks](#)
- Make a [Footprint Duck](#) or a [Handprint Duck](#)
- Make a duck pond snack using yogurt, blue food coloring, rice cakes and duck crackers. Use blueberry yogurt or dye vanilla yogurt with blue food coloring and spread on rice cakes. Add duck crackers to create a duck pond.

IDEA OF THE DAY

Ice Cube Tray Sorting and Pattern-Making

Here's a way to mix math, art and fine motor skills. You'll need an ice cube tray, egg container or muffin tin, plus small items to play with, such as various dried beans, buttons, coins or marbles. (If there is a younger child in the home make sure to keep the small objects out of his/her grasp) Your child can sort the items (by color, size, pattern or any way they like), make patterns with them or invent their own game. There are tons of possibilities and no right answers; this type of play blends logical thinking and mathematical reasoning with creativity. For extra fun and challenge, use tweezers or clothespins to pick up the items..