

The Mysterious Tadpole
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Dear Family,

We will begin with a fantasy story about a big birthday surprise, **The Mysterious Tadpole**. We will also learn about real tadpoles in the informational text **From Eggs to Frogs**. Throughout this week, we will talk about this question: “How do some animals change as they grow?”

This week's...

Target Vocabulary: confused, ordinary, control, sensible, suspiciously, training, cage, upset

Phonics Skills: Vowel diphthongs *oo* (*shoot*), *ew* (*dew*), *ue* (*true*), *ou* (*you*)

Vocabulary Strategy: Multiple-meaning words

Comprehension Skill: Story structure—tell the setting, character, and plot in a story

Comprehension Strategy: Infer/predict—use clues to figure out more about story parts

Writing Focus: Opinion writing—response poem

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Use the words from this week's **Target Vocabulary** to make up sentences about a mysterious birthday package.

Birthday Memories

Get out photos or gifts from past birthdays. Talk about the way in which birthdays are observed in your family, including memorable events and gifts from the past.

Birthday Books

Read another book from your home, school, or public library that has to do with a birthday surprise or a birthday party. Help your child write a paragraph about the story, including his or her feelings about it.



Go to the *eBook* to read and listen to this week's selection.