



Franklin

Storytelling Tips

- Discuss the two different turtles -- pond and sea
- Discuss the difference between a turtle and a tortoise
- Discuss the word amphibian
- Discuss that turtles lay eggs
- Discuss the food turtles eat
- Discuss that turtles carry germs that can make people sick (wash hands)
- Discuss the purpose of their shell



Activities



- Take a trip to Point Pelee and walk on the boardwalk, where you can usually see turtles
- Read them the turtle poem on song sheet
- Do the turtle finger play on song sheet
- Have turtle chocolates for a treat
- Make turtle tambourines (see creative activity sheet)
- Colour Franklin picture provided
- Visit [Franklin's site](#) for Franklin activities

Vocabulary

(some words to think about and use in your discussions)



turtle	hatch	tail	pond
tortoise	egg	legs	insects
shell	swim	claws	lay
nest	amphibian	sea	fish

Songs

LITTLE TURTLE (finger play)

There was a little turtle, who lived in a box.
 (use fingers to draw a box)
 He swam in a puddle, and he climbed on some rocks.
 (lay hand on fist)
 He snapped at a mosquito, he snapped at a flea,
 (hand snapping on snap)
 He snapped at a minnow, and he snapped at me.
 (point to self on me)
 He caught a mosquito; he caught a flea
 (pretend to catch in hands)
 He caught a minnow, but he didn't catch me
 (shake head no)



TURTLES

One baby turtle alone and new,
 Finds a friend, and then there were two.
 Two baby turtles crawl down to the sea.
 They find another, and then there are three.
 Three baby turtles, crawl along the shore.
 They find another, and then there are four.
 Four baby turtles go for a drive.
 Up swims another, and then there are five.

MY TURTLE

This is my turtle
 (make fist; extend thumb)
 He lives in a shell
 (hide thumb in fist)
 He likes his home very well
 He pokes his head out when he wants to eat
 (extend thumb)
 And he pulls it back in when he wants to sleep
 (hide thumb in fist)

(Little Turtle, Turtles, and My Turtle
taken from preschooleducation.com)



Things to Make

Paper Plate Tambourines

Materials-Paper plates (2)

- Construction paper head and legs (4)
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Unpopped popcorn, or rice
- Crayons (work better than markers)
- Glue, glue stick
- Stapler

How-To

- Colour the bottoms of the paper plates
- Draw eyes on the head, or glue on eyes
- Glue on the legs and head on a plate
- Put popcorn or rice in that plate
- Generously spread glue around the rim of the plate
- Put the other plate on top to form the top of the shell
- Staple the plates together to strengthen the bond of the plates

Turtle Nest Materials

- Easter grass (real grass o.k.)
- Small round Styrofoam balls (4
- 6)
- Crayons
- Paper plate (small)
- Glue, glue stick

How-To

- Colour balls
- Glue grass around the outside edges of plate to form nest (let dry)
- Place eggs in nest
- Great to play with

TURTLE SOCK PUPPETS Materials

- two paper plates
- Green paper
- Green sock
- Paint, paintbrush
- Stapler
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Glue, glue stick

How-To

- paint plates to look like turtle shells
- Cut out legs and glue on inside of one plate
- Sandwich sock between two plates with toe peeking out top (head)
- Opening of the sock should be coming out the bottom
- Staple the plates together
- Glue on eyes