Wonders of Nature: Plants, Bugs, and Frogs

Kindergarten Unit 6

**Poetry**

**Poems (Read Aloud)**

**Two Tree Toads**

**A three-toed tree toad tried to tie**

**A two-toed tree toad’s shoe.**

**But tying two-toed shoes is hard**

**For three-toed toads to do,**

**Since three-toed shoes each have three toes,**

**And two-toed shoes have two.**

**“Please tie my two-toed tree toad shoe!”**

**The two-toed tree toad cried.**

**“I tried my best. Now I must go,”**

**The three-toed tree toad sighed.**

**The two-toed tree toad’s two-toed shoe,**

**Alas, remained untied.**

* Jon Agee

**Little Black Bug**

Little black bug,   
Little black bug   
Where have you been?   
I've been under the rug,   
Said little black bug.   
*Bug-ug-ug-ug.*

Little green fly,   
Little green fly,   
Where have you been?   
I've been way up high,   
Said little green fly.   
*Bzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz.*

Little old mouse,    
Little old mouse,   
Where have you been?   
I've been all through the house   
Said little old mouse.   
*Squeak-eak-eak-eak-eak.*

* Margaret Wise Brown

**The Caterpillar**

Caterpillar in a hurry,  
Take your walk  
To the shady leaf, or stalk,  
Or what not,  
Which may be the chosen spot.  
No toad spy you,  
Hovering bird of prey pass by you;  
Spin and die,  
To live again a butterfly.

-Christina Rossetti

**Trees**

The Oak is called the king of trees,  
The Aspen quivers in the breeze,  
The Poplar grows up straight and tall,  
The Peach tree spreads along the wall,  
The Sycamore gives pleasant shade,  
The Willow droops in watery glade,  
The Fir tree useful in timber gives,  
The Beech amid the forest lives.

* Sarah Coleridge

**Over in the Meadow**

Over in the meadow in a new little hive

Lived an old mother queen bee and her honeybees five.

“Hum,” said the mother,

“We hum,” said the five;

So they hummed and were glad in their new little hive.

Over in the meadow in a dam built of sticks

Lived an old mother beaver and her little beavers six.

“Build,” said the mother,

“We build,” said the six;

So they built and were glad in the dam built of sticks.

Over in the meadow in the green wet bogs

Lived an old mother froggie and her seven polliwogs.

“Swim,” said the mother.

“We swim,” said the ‘wogs;

So they swam and were glad in the green wet bogs.

Over in the meadow as the day grew late

Lived an old mother owl and her little owls eight

“Wink,” said the mother,

“We wink,” said the eight;

So they winked and were glad as the day grew late.

*Excerpt from OVER IN THE MEADOW by John Langstaff.*

**Poem (Read Along)**

**Wouldn’t You?**

If I

Could go

As high

And low

As the wind

As the wind

As the wind

Can blow-

I’d go!

* John Ciardi

**Nursery Rhymes (Read Along)**

**Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary**

Mary, Mary, quite contrary

How does your garden grow?

With silver bells and cockleshells

And pretty maids all in a row.

* Mother Goose

**Ladybug, Ladybug**

Ladybug! Ladybug!

Fly away home.

Your house is on fire.

And your children all gone.

All except one,

And that’s little Ann,

For she crept under

The frying pan.