



**April's Topic:
ANIMALS LIVING IN AND NEAR WATER**

- Fish need oxygen just like humans. We get our oxygen from the air that goes into our lungs. Fish have gills instead of lungs. They get their oxygen from the water that passes through their gills.
- Ducks and geese spend a lot of time in the water swimming and also looking for food: plants and insects. They are able to swim very well because they have webbed feet.
- Aquatic turtles also have webbed feet for swimming. They spend considerable time sunning, but enter the water to look for food and escape from predators.
- Frogs lay their eggs in the water. When they hatch, the tadpoles must stay in the water until they become full grown.
- Beavers build their homes, called lodges, in the water.
- Muskrats are another mammal that lives in the water.
- River otters catch fish from the water and love to swim and play with their siblings.

Book Suggestions:

In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming

Otters Love to Play by Jonathan London

Duck Rabbit by Amy Krouse Rosenthal