Explore the Outdoors

**Read**

Noisy Bug Sing Along by John Himmelman
IHop Jump by Ellen Stoll Walsh
My Friend Rabbit by Eric Rohmann
Available as an ebook on Hoopla!

**Play**

Head outside and choose 5 or more insects, frogs, or friends from these stories or other books you read and move like that bug or animal friend. Make a game of taking turns with your child moving like those bugs or animal friends and try to guess what they are. Don’t forget to make the sounds of these friends too for an extra clue.

Five Green and Speckled Frogs
Five green and speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious bugs
YYYYUUUUMMMM YYYYUUUUMMMM
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Then there were
Four green and speckled frogs
GGGGLLLUUUUBBBB GGGGLLLUUUUBBBB
(Repeat in descending order until there are no green & speckled frogs.)

**Sing**

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**Talk**

Go to a park, pond, or just your back yard in the early evening or morning. What sounds do you hear? What do you think it is? Make up a story about where the bird, frog, or insect has been or what it might have spent its day doing.

**Write**

Use a kitchen baking or jelly roll pan, fill it with table salt and give your child a small paint brush. Let your child trace letters, swirls, shapes with their paint brush or finger. You could write out some basic straight and curved lines and shapes, asking them to match the drawing. Ask your child to trace the pattern a bug or frog might make.