

### Early Learning Express: May 2016 Update

*Five green and speckled frogs  
Sitting on a speckled log,  
Eating the most delicious bugs, "Yum, yum!"  
One jumped into the pool  
Where it was nice and cool  
Now there are four green speckled frogs on the log.*

Young children across the county worked on their math skills last month as they watched frogs disappear off the log and into the water. Brows furrowed as fingers and minds got to work to answer Sueño's question, "How many frogs are in the water?" as they disappeared off the felt board log.



Children were then treated to Bianca Lavies' fabulous photographs in the book *Lily Pad Pond*. It's not often we read nonfiction at story time, but Lavies does such a wonderful job telling and photographing the story of a little tadpole growing into a frog among the water lilies and other pond critters... including a giant snapping turtle. Look out!

Which brings us to our second book, *Ah Ha!* Using only two letters, Jeff Mack tells the story of a frog trying to relax in his pond (*Ahhh...*), but there are other animals who live there, too. Hungry animals! Children had a lot of fun figuring out which animal would be next to threaten to have frog for lunch, but were always relieved to learn that frog got the last laugh (*Ha ha!*)