Guppy Group
November: Animals!

Ages 1-4
Storytime!

Welcome to Part 1 of your at-home Guppy Group activity! This section will be patterned after the Storytime Station at a regular Guppy Group event.

- Start by telling your Guppies that you will be reading a book together. This book is about animals!
- After this introductory discussion, read *Quick as a Cricket* by Audrey Wood with your Guppy. Work together to identify different animals and talk about how they act. Make that animal’s sound! If you don’t have this book on hand, you can watch this read-along version on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGE2Cn9JQUs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGE2Cn9JQUs)
- If you are able to print, the following coloring page is available for you to complete with your Guppy.
Mystery Bag!

This section will be patterned after the Mystery Bag Station at a regular Guppy Group event.

- You can use any type of bag for this activity. Look through your house to find animal objects. These can be stuffed animals, toys, cookie cutters, etc. You can even draw and cut out your own animals.
- Give your Guppy the opportunity to pull one object at a time out of the mystery bag.
- Talk about each object with your Guppy. Say the name of the animal, talk about what sound it makes, where it lives, what it eats, etc.
Art Project - Chicken Fingers!

The third section will be patterned after the Art-Making Station at a regular Guppy Group event.

- For this art project, you will need: paper, crayons/colored pencils/markers, washable paint (optional)
- First, explain to your Guppy that they will be making a picture of an animal. Give them hints and see if they can guess which animal they will be creating (make bawk-bawk sounds, tell them it lives on a farm and eats corn, etc.)
- Work together to create a handprint on the piece of paper. There are two ways to do this: you can apply an even coat of washable paint to your Guppy’s hand and then press it to the paper, or you can have them place their hand on the paper and then trace around it with a marker/colored pencil/crayon.
- Once you have your handprint, use coloring utensils to add a beak, eyes, and feet to your chicken.
- See an image of an example handprint chicken below!
Art Connection!

This fourth and last portion of your at-home Guppy Group activity is patterned after the Art Hunt Station of a normal Guppy Group event at the Museum.

- Begin this section by reviewing animals with your Guppy. Ask which animals you saw and talked about today. Then explain that you will now look for some animals in art.
- With your Guppy, go through the following images from the Museum’s permanent collection. Work together with your Guppy to find different animals in each image. Why do you think the artist chose to portray that animal?

Thanks for participating! We hope you and your Guppy enjoyed learning about Shapes with us! Keep an eye out for next month’s at-home Guppy Group Packet, where you can explore the Four Seasons!
Phillip Henry Barkdoll, *Seagulls on Utah Lake*, 1930
John Septimus Sears, *One of Our Cats*, n.d.
Gregory Laurel Abbot, *Sacred Cows of Art History*, 1986
Korry R. Bird, Sunny Day Pig, 1999
Silvia Liz Davis, *Guest*, 1994
The Guppy Song!
If you’ve brought your little ones along to Guppy Group before, chances are they might remember the Guppy Group song. If you’d like to sing it together, the words are included below. Sing along to this tune: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g64qCr3Y_QU

One little Guppy  
Swimming in the water,  
Swimming in the water,  
Swimming in the water  
One little Guppy  
Swimming in the water  
Bubble, Bubble, Bubble, Bubble  
POP!

(If you remember the associated hand motions, feel free to do those as well! Make sure to clap your hands together for the POP! Carry on to the next verse for as many numbers as you’d like.)