

The Willow School
Gladstone, New Jersey
Grade Two Class
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The pond that we study is on the school property. Our pond is nine years old.

Questions:

1. What will we catch? What are their names?
2. How many will we catch?
3. What has changed from last year?
4. Are there any new creatures?



What We Did:

1. First we took a walk around the pond to flatten the path.
2. Next we went to the pond with nets and caught creatures. We returned the creatures to the pond.
3. Next we caught creatures and brought them back to our classroom. We used bowls and spoons to sort the creatures. We figured out their names using field guides.
4. On the next visit to the pond our teacher made two long dips at each end of the pond. He used the same net and dipped in the same place as last year.
5. We brought the creatures our teacher caught back to our classroom where we sorted and named the creatures. Then we did the count.

Our Count:

Backswimmers	1
Caddisfly Larva	2
Dragonfly Nymph	16
Fisher Spider	2
Leech	1
Mayfly Nymph	12
Phantom Midge Larva	15
Non – biting Midge	13
Scud	47
Snail – Ram’s Horn	7
- Pond	22
Stonefly Nymph	2
Tadpole	13
Water Scavenger Beetle	3
Giant Water Beetle	1
Clam	232
Diving Water Beetle	19
Water Mites	6