

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Summer is finally here and your child is on their way to first grade! We are very excited to meet your child come September. In order for your child to gain confidence in reading, we are requiring each new first grader to read one book this summer and complete a writing/drawing activity to go along with it. We have also provided you with seven other books that we strongly encourage that you read with your child. Please keep a log of the additional books you read with your child. This will be a graded paper so please make sure to complete all worksheets.

Below we have provided you with the list of books and a brief description of the mandatory reading. The first book *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey is mandatory for your child to read this summer. The rest is an option for you but we strongly recommend that you read every day with your child to continue their learning and word recognition.

Attached to this letter, you'll find worksheets that need to be completed and handed into the first grade teachers. The first two worksheets you will need to fill in facts about a duck and a duckling. The next worksheet we would like for you to write 3 or more good sentences telling about what you learned about ducks. The sentences that you're going to write needs to be facts not opinions. For an example an opinion sentence would be; Ducks are cute. Fact sentence would be; Ducks have webbed feet. Please write 3 or more sentences that are facts. The next two worksheets you will need to label the pictures and write a sentence for one of the words provided for you. Our last worksheet is for you to write about what you would do if you got a pet duck. Please write 3 or more sentences. Draw and color a picture to go along with your writing.

Thank you for all that you and do and we look forward to meeting you and your child this September!
Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. O'Donnell & Ms. Baldwin

Summer Reading List:

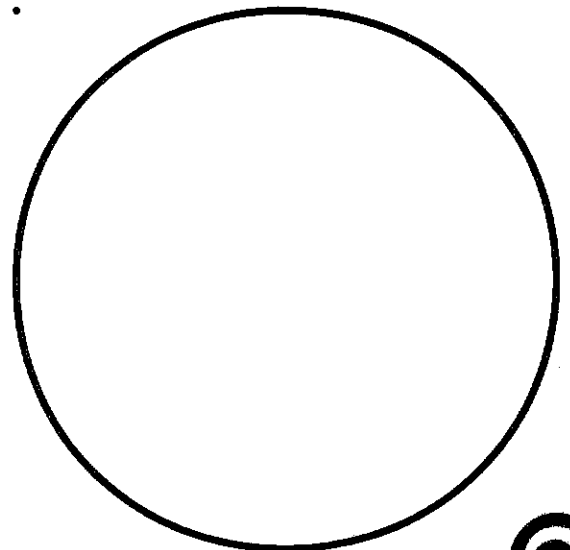
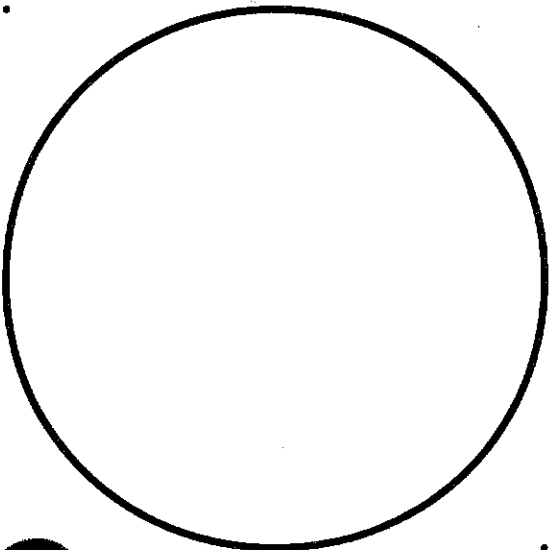
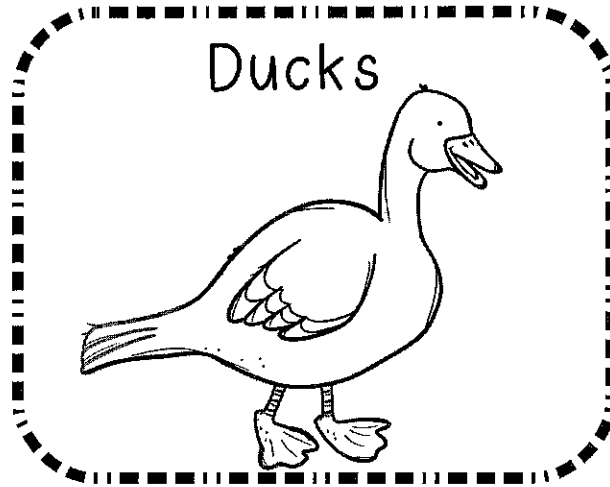
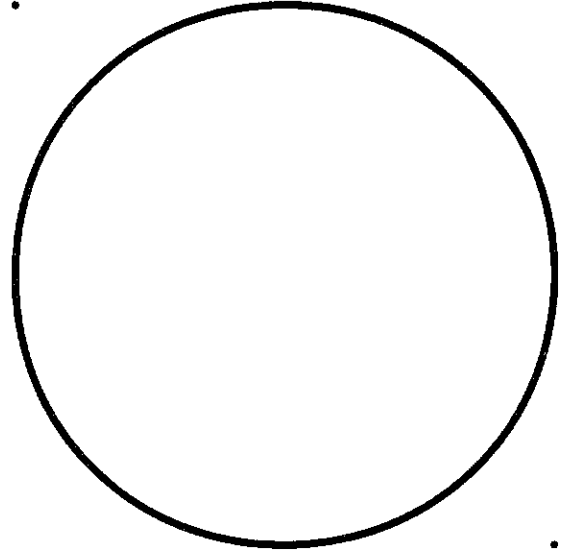
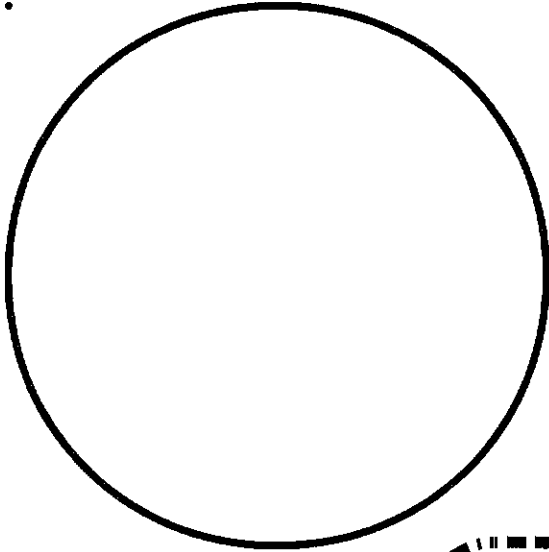
1. **** *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
This book is about a pair of mallards who decide to raise a family on an island in a lagoon in Boston Public Garden, a park in the center of Boston. When you've completed the reading complete the following worksheets that are attached.
2. *What Pet Should I Get* by Dr. Seuss
3. *The Night Before First Grade* By: Deborah Zemke
4. *First Grade Here I Come!* By: Tony Johnston
5. *Noah's Ark* By: Barbara Shook Hazen
6. *The Story of Jesus* By: Jane Werner Watson
7. *Bible Stories* By: Christin Ditchfield
8. *We're All Wonders* By: R. J. Palacio

Name: _____

All About Ducks

I learned about ducks.

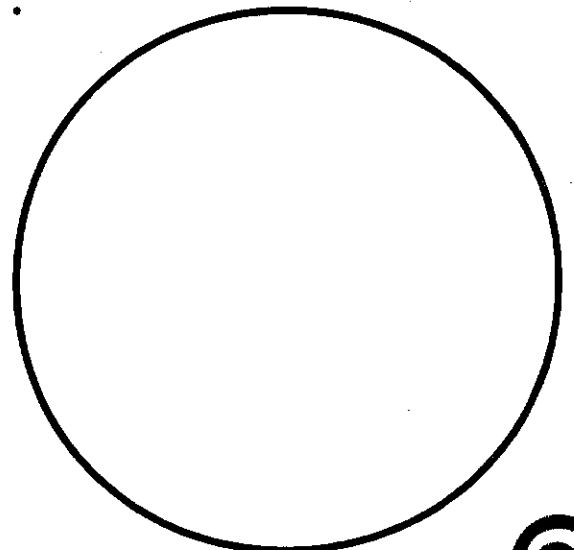
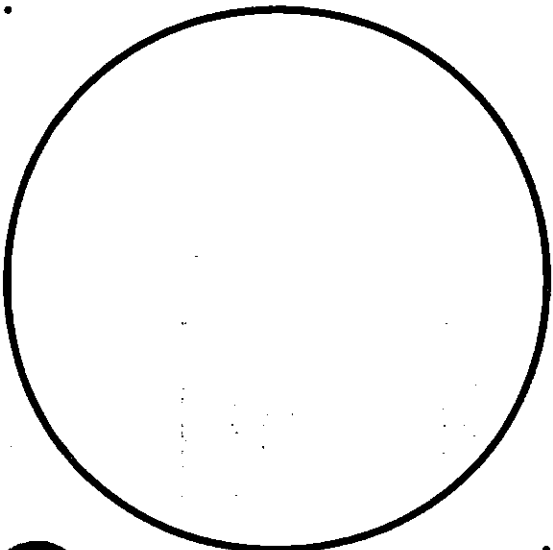
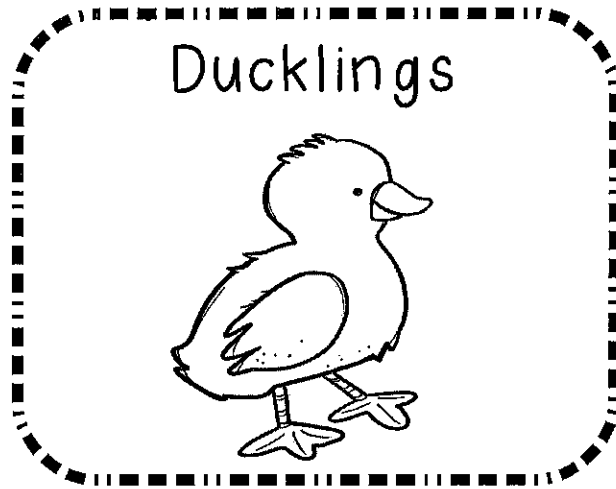
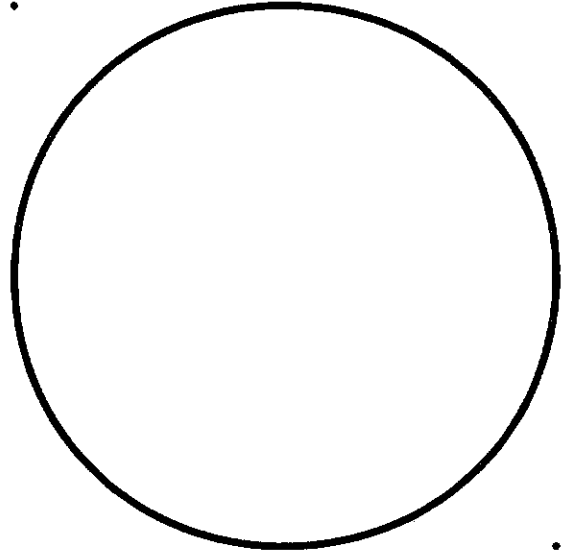
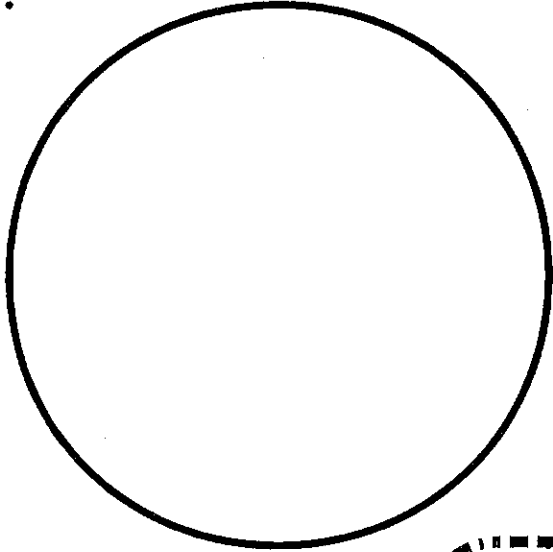
I can write facts about ducks.



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All About Ducklings

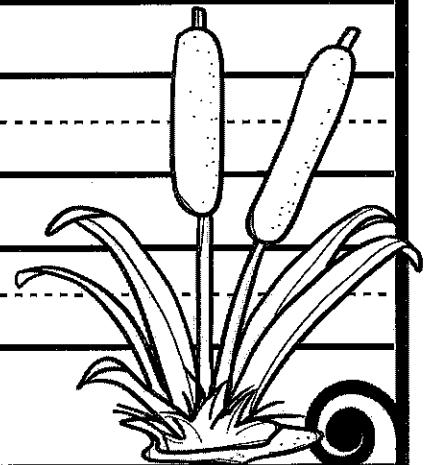
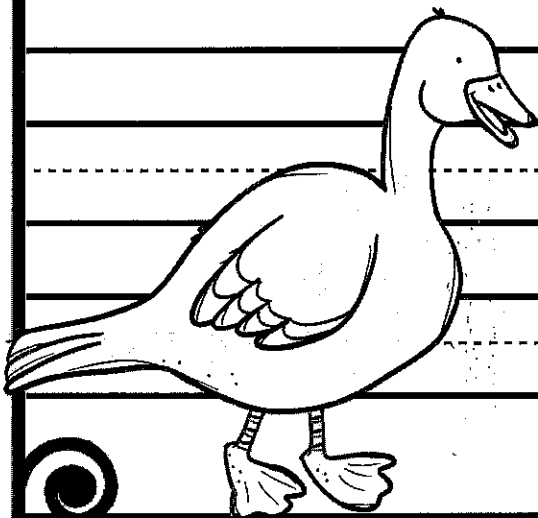
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I can write facts about ducklings.



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All About Ducks

I learned about ducks.
I can write about ducks.

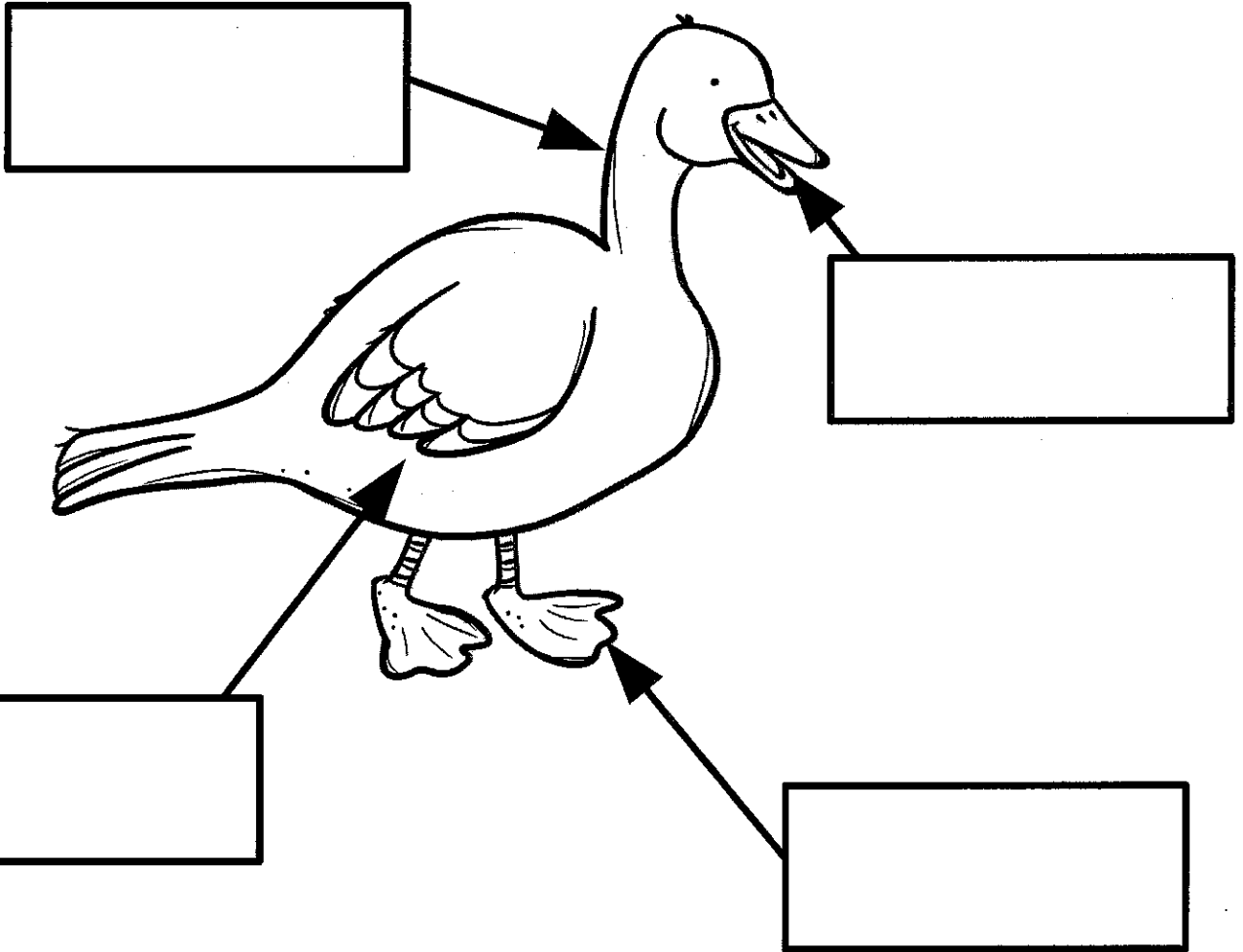


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Label It

bill
webbed feet
long neck
wings

Use the words in the box to label the duck.
Write a sentence using one of the words.

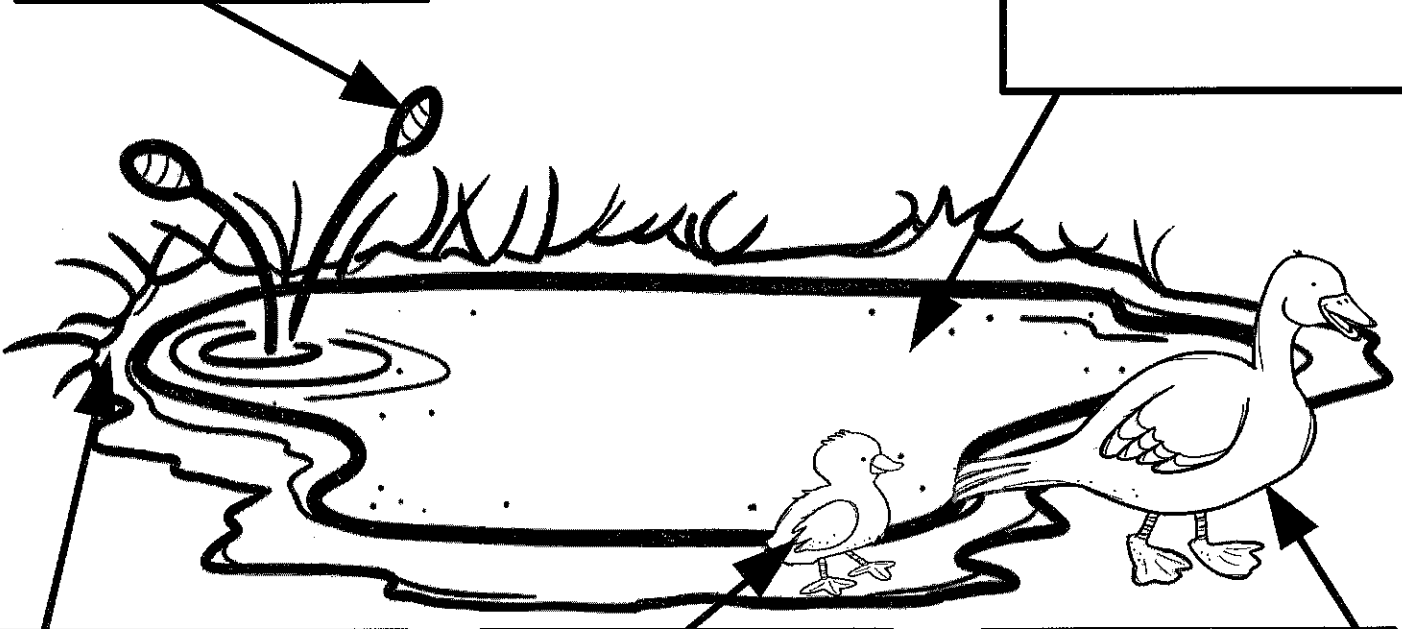


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Label It

Use the words in the box to label the pond habitat.
Write a sentence using one of the words.

duck
duckling
pond
bulrushes
grass



Write a Story!

Imagine you got a pet duck.
Write about what you would do
with your pet.

Write a story about what
happens next.

