

Welcome to Pollywog At Home, Session 12!
Click, Clack, Quackity-Quack by Doreen Cronin

Parts to **(read aloud)** to kids are labeled before the text.
Parts that are **((asides to caregivers))** are indicated with double parenthesis.

(read aloud)

Hey there! Good to see you again. Today, let's have a storytime and project that gives us ideas about something we can do outside this summer!

Welcome Song –

First, we will sing The Welcome Song:

~ sung to the tune of Rock-A-Bye Baby ~
Welcome to Art Class!
Ready for some fun?
First we sit still,
and quietly listen.
After our screen time,
we'll make something new -
but first we sing this
so we know what to do!

Opening (read aloud)

It is a different kind of summer so far for my family, and we are always thinking about things we can go out and do safely while everyone is still being careful to stay healthy. One of the things we can do is a classic activity, any by that I mean it is something people have been doing for hundreds of years! Long before kids had as many toys and things to do as we have today, they were enjoying picnics with their family and friends. Eating is something we all need to do, after all. Going away from our usual spots to eat and finding a place away from all our usual family distractions is a great way to make special memories and stretch out a beautiful summer day. ((Pause to discuss if planning a picnic together - even just a light lunch out on beach towels - might be a fun thing to do today or someday soon.))

Storytime (read aloud)

Here is a good story to get us in the mood for picnics. It is by Doreen Cronin, who has created several books with the same farmyard animals. This book is also a great one for learning our ABC's!

Here we go! **Click, Clack, Quackity-Quack** by Doreen Cronin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWrfGV1iAkk>

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After Story (read aloud)

See how it can be a fun thing to take the time to plan and put together a picnic? It is almost as much of an adventure preparing it as it is having it. The animals even had some rain in their day - but went ahead with their plans after it dried off outside.

A lot of picnics include a big picnic blanket, and that blanket is often drawn checkered with red and white squares. Another thing we often see at picnics is some uninvited visitors. Can you guess who I mean? You can see if you guessed the answer as we work on our project.

Our Project (read aloud)

Materials –

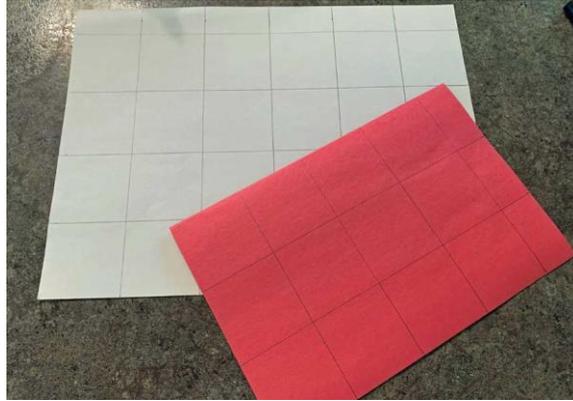
- Sheet of white, red and black construction paper.
- White construction paper - printer paper would work too.
- A ruler.
- A pencil.
- Scissors.
- White glue or a glue stick.
- A black marker or crayon.

((We will be using materials during Pollywog At Home that families are likely to already have on hand. If I list an item you do not have, see if you can think of a substitute - - if you're really stuck for a solution, feel free to email me for advice! r.schiding.studio@comcast.net))



How To –

1) This might be a step for a grown-up helper to do - - Using the ruler, divide the whole white sheet of paper into 2-inch squares, and divide half of the red sheet into 2-inch squares. My paper was 9"x12", so I am going to discard the extra one inch strip on the end of the white sheet and the half inch strip on the red half sheet.



2) Now cut out the red squares, but do not cut out the white ones. Pictured below, you can see I am using grown-up scissors, but this is good cutting practice for little ones to use safety scissors. Again, we are only keeping the 2" square red shapes and discarding any scrap.



3) Using the white glue, or glue stick, glue red squares in every other white box on the white sheet. We are making our checkerboard picnic blanket. There should be just the right number of red squares, but if you need to cut out extras - go ahead. I like to use my fingers to spread the glue, but a Q-Tip works well, too.



4) Now for our uninvited guests! Using the black marker (or crayon), draw some ants visiting our picnic blanket. Pictured below, you can see the steps for making your ants. Draw three little circles, add six little legs, and finish them off with antennae.



8) After drawing all your ants (as many as you like - I made 5), you can draw little dotted lines behind the ants, to show where they have been walking.

Here is a picture of the project all completed. See the movement dots? Today I had help from my daughter, Ellery. (Thank you, Ellery!)



As we do Pollywog At Home, you are encouraged to send photos of your Pollywog projects to me at my email address: r.schiding.studio@comcast.net. I will share the work on the Library's website at the end of our Pollywog lessons. (I do not show children's faces in photos of their work that I share.)

And – that is all for today's Pollywog! See you next time!

You and I are lucky to be able to have art and storytime together. Thanks to **Wernersville Public Library!** Libraries are the best! They give us the chance to have wonderful things, without needing to spend extra money! Remember to thank them when you get the chance.

If you have any questions regarding how the Wernersville Public Library is operating right now, feel free to call or use contact links on the website. It may take a little getting used to, but our library staff are eager and happy to help you and your family! They are scheduling curbside pickups of cleaned books and materials now.

Remember, if you are using the Summer Quest app called READSquared, you can get points towards your summer reading prizes by logging your Pollywog time. Check out all the cool stuff they have planned virtually for you. We can have a great time with the library even while we are staying carefully separate from one another.

Also, follow the steps with the library file to register that you participated with Pollywog this week to get a prize. We are creating a whole set of rewards, including certificates and gift cards. **((You can receive credit for attending and working through this Pollywog At Home. Please follow this link to a form that will go to the Wernersville Public Library for an attendance prize: <https://forms.gle/xVkh7U9aopaLBbnA7> – – copy and paste into browser if clicking does not work))**