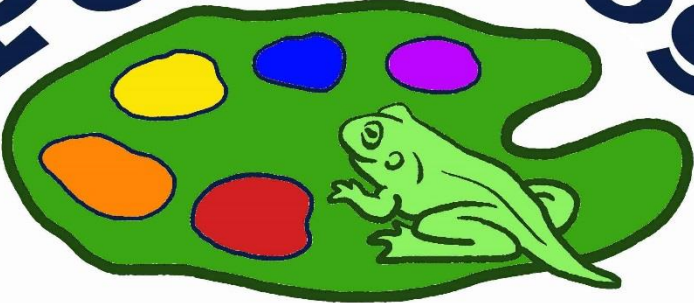


Pollywog



Art and Storytime

Welcome to **Pollywog At Home, Session 1!** **Wash Your Hands by Tony Ross**

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

(read aloud)

Hi friends, it's Mr. Ron! Check it out - we can have Pollywog together, even when we can't be together! I know it's not the same - and I prefer to see you and all the parents, grandparents, and other caregivers, but we are in a strange time and we have to do our best while staying as safe as we can.

Welcome Song –

Some habits are special, and help us to remember what it's like to be together! We can sing our Welcome Song, even though we aren't together - and we can remember what it is like to do this together in our group time. This is for everyone to sing - help your grown-ups if they are new to it:

~ 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)

I am happy to report that my family is safe at home. I hope that you are, too! It is a great time to become very familiar with our favorite parts of our homes. Here are some things you might want to get permission to try - if you have not tried already:

- Make a blanket fort.
- Set up a tent in a large room or garage - and have a camp out.
- Take a corner of your bedroom or playroom and make a very nice art studio space, with containers of art supplies, a table or easel, and a supply of paper.
- Ask to use containers from the recycling bin and for permission to plant seeds some soil in them - and care for your baby plants with sunlight and water.

It is an unusual time - and it allows for some interesting new opportunities!

My family is trying to grow salad greens for the first time.

((Take a moment to discuss these ideas, why they may or may not be good for your family, and to come up with special ideas of your own))

Storytime (read aloud)

While we can't be together, I will be sharing internet links to a story being read online. I like reading with you - but this is a great solution for now! So here is the first story link – we will be seeing and listening to the book

Wash Your Hands by Tony Ross. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljNvF650WTc>

((copy and paste into browser if clicking does not work))

After Story (read aloud)

You and I have known for a long time that there are times that it is important to wash our hands. Today, the reason for our being home is that there is a virus that can get onto our hands - and then we get sick when we touch our face (especially our mouths, eyes, and noses). We touch our faces more than we think we do! So - to keep germs, bacteria, and viruses from making us sick, we need to wash our hands whenever they may have gotten these germies on them.

Since we are safe at home, we do not have to fear the bad virus that that is making us stay away from others. But we still need to stay healthy, so remember to wash your hands before you eat, and after you do anything that could make them dirty. When you wash - use running warm water, soap, and wash long enough to sing the happy birthday song two times (at least 20 seconds).

Our Project (read aloud)

Today for our art project, we are going to do the opposite of washing hands! We are going to draw our hands, and then we're going to use our imaginations to draw all the germs, bacteria, and viruses that are usually too small to see on them!

Materials –

- Light Construction Paper, or White Printer Paper
- Pencils, Crayons, Markers or any art supplies you can make a mark with!

((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) Trace one or both hands on a sheet of paper using a dark crayon, pencil, or marker. Adults are encouraged to do the project along-side kids! Visual learners will often understand most quickly by seeing steps done nearby, in person.

2) Use your imagination to create drawings of germs, bacteria, and viruses! In our story, the germs were described as "scarier than alligators" - but lots of the time, they are just little weird blobs! You can give them teeth and legs and arms and horns or anything you imagine to represent something tiny that could harm us. Really fill those hands up! At least 4 germies per hand.

3) Make your drawings dark enough so that you can color them without losing the ability to see your drawings - color with crayons, markers or even watercolors if you like. When complete, hang it near where you wash your hands!

Example -

Here is what my daughter's germ hand project looks like! You can draw like her, or do it your own way.



As we do Pollywog From 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.)

Today I will share a picture with you of a painting I did a week or so ago. We have a neighbor who has chickens. Since eggs are not easy to buy right now, I asked if I could do a painting in exchange for eggs each week while we are at home. They asked me to do a portrait of their favorite chicken.

Here are the steps I took while painting the chicken:



and here is the finished painting!



Our eggs taste especially good because we know some of them are from the chicken I painted!

Okay - That's all for today!

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.

((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/cRGoMXEK8TyUy91H8> – – copy and paste into browser if clicking does not work))